



Lions Club of Kiama Inc. (District 201N2)

## Ki-Lines Monthly Newsletter

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### President Hilton's Comments

At the Kiama Municipal Council Border Review Meeting held on 3 February 2016 at the Kiama Leagues Club chaired by Mr Wright representing the State Government, I spoke of my personal views then separately, I felt the need to mention how well our Lions Club works with the Council on a number of important local projects and events. As a preface I stated clearly that our Club takes a non-political position. It was interesting to note that most other major local clubs and community groups had a representative speak for them.

At our dinner meeting on 11 February 2016, Jay Allen, Community Co-ordinator at the Melanoma Institute and a survivor of stage 3 Melanoma over a period of eight years provided our Members with a very broad insight into his own experiences and a very successful operation of the Melanoma Institute in Sydney, which is the largest and most successful of its type in the world.

The 'Big Clean Up', organised by Geoff Dowd, took place at our storage facility at the Milk Depot in Belvedere Street, Kiama on 15 February 2016, and was very well attended by willing Club Members who cleared out-of-date equipment and records (accumulated in excess of 10 years) and re-arranged remaining gear and supplies so that they can be easily identified and taken for usage. Special thanks to all who participated.

Don't forget that our Club is participating in the Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 6 March 2016 commencing at 8.00am and going through to 10.00am with Harvey Diener acting as co-ordinator. We cover Blowhole Point around to the pool at Black Beach, one of the most high profile areas in Kiama. Please come and help if you can. 'Many hands make light work'.

On 12 March 2016 it will be 46 years since our Club's chartering and so in the 2019-20 year we will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## For Your Diary – Members’ Activities and Events

(To be confirmed) March	Red Cross Calling
Sunday 6 March	Clean Up Australia – 8.00am at Blowhole Point Information Centre
Thursday 10 March	Dinner Meeting at KLC – 2016-17 Board Elections Night
Thursday 17 March	Board Meeting
Sunday 20 March	Kiama Markets – Roster Team G (am) Team H (pm)
Thursday 24 March	Members’ social get-together at Kiama Bowling Club at 6.00pm
23 to 27 March	Refer Driver/Reviver Rosters
Friday 8 April	School Holidays 9/4 – 26/4 refer Driver/Reviver Rosters
Thursday 14 April	Dinner Meeting at KLC
Sunday 17 April	Kiama Markets – Roster Team A (am) Team B (pm)
Thursday 21 April	Board Meeting
Monday 25 April	Anzac Day <b>Dawn</b> Service and March 10.00am and organise wreath
Thursday 28 April	Happy Hours with partners @ home of Peter & Wendi Scifleet 10a Owen Street, Jamberoo @ 6.00pm

**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](mailto: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

We have cancelled the Dapto Dogs night, which was to be held on 24 March, due to a shortage in numbers available. In place of this we will have a Members social get-together at Kiama Bowling Club from 6.00pm followed by dinner at the Club’s restaurant for those of you who wish to stay.

## Fund Raising Projects

We previously had agreed to provide a special morning BBQ for the annual Mercedes Car Show/Convention on Saturday 12 March at Kiama Showground. However, this will not proceed as professional caterers are available at the Kiama Pavilion and will cater for the event.

## Community Service Projects

Our Club is a key supporter of the Kiama Pipe Band Inc. which held its inaugural AGM in December 2015 when the Annual Report for the period 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015 was presented. John Kenny, Secretary of the Band advised that he wished to record the Band's appreciation for our important continuing support and the contributions by David Robson in the role as the Band's Public Officer and of Graham Bradley as Treasurer of the Band.

Our Club's Outward Bound Sponsorship Committee has been active since October last year in seeking suitable candidates whose leadership and personal development skills could be enhanced by participation in the Navigator 12 Day Course for 15 – 17 year olds to be held in April 2016 in the mountains south of Canberra. Final interviews were conducted on 21 & 22 February 2016 and as a result we have identified three suitable youths from our local community. They are: Kyle Norton, Oliver Aspinall Parkin and Ashley Sanchez. (She is supported by the Denny Foundation in the Illawarra.) Each of these young people will make presentations to our Club's Members after their return from the Course.

The Kiama Rugby Club, with whom we have a good relationship co-ordinated the major Rugby Sevens Tournament in Kiama on 27 February 2016 and our Club supported this event by making our large tent available. Geoff Dowd provided liaison on our Club's behalf.

## From the Board and other Administration

An update on our Club's initiative to establish a Carers' Respite Centre was presented by Ray Redgrave at our Dinner Meeting on 11 February 2016. Interest in such a facility was first indicated during Tony Grainger's term as our Club President. The site planned for use for the Centre is the old gas works residence located 105 Shoalhaven Street, Kiama. Gerringong and Minnamurra Lions Clubs have been invited to be involved in this worthwhile community service project. Kiama Municipal Council, the owners of the property, considered the project at their meeting on 2 February 2016 and unanimously agreed to support, in principle, our rental and refurbishment/renovation of the property with a peppercorn lease agreement. Council also agreed to arrange any necessary re-zoning.

At our Board Meeting on 18 February 2016, Tony Grainger and Richard Hoskins were appointed to co-ordinate the project, initially to provide a proposal of the construction and renovation required. Members will be kept informed of progress by the Club's Board.

The Nominations Meeting for our 2016-17 Year Board was held on 25 February 2016 and we had nominations put forward, moved and seconded for all key positions other than President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for which we are hopeful of making progress before our important annual Board Elections Meeting to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

On 26 February our Club submitted a Deductible Gift Recipient [DGR] Application for endorsement relating to our Cancer Care Fund through the Australian Taxation Office. If agreed to we will, through our Cancer Care Fund, be able to accept donations from a variety of clubs and other organisations which, up until now, could not legally do. We will, in due course, be seeking to place our Club in a position where DGR endorsement could be sought through our Harry Budd Fund and also, ultimately, the Carers' Respite Centre.

## Money Matters

Account balances as at 17 February 2016:

Activities Account (after unrepresented cheques)		\$24,710.76
Administration Account (after unrepresented cheques)		\$11,058.47
Harry Budd: Business Account	\$ 9,122.21	
Fixed Term Deposit Account	<u>\$87,517.32</u>	\$96,639.53

## Membership News

We wish John Hines and Ray Redgrave speedy recoveries from their recent illnesses.

John Moore, who has been a keen contributor to our Club, has resigned as he has moved to Nowra. We wish him well.

It is pleasing to advise that Clive Payne, a past Member of our Club, who is held in high regard, has been welcomed back as a Member by our Board and we are looking forward to his active and meaningful contribution.

Janet Bruce is applying for membership of our Club, having already attended several of our dinner meetings, and has provided the following background profile:

*"My name is Janet Bruce. I have lived in Kiama since 1974 when I was sent here for my first teaching appointment. I have two sons, one in Kiama, the other in Wellington, and four grandchildren.*

*Last year my partner of more than 20 years died unexpectedly. My mother who is 90 years old lives at Blue Haven. I am enjoying having more time to spend with her and help her with her everyday life.*

*Over the years I have been a keen sportsperson – netball, basketball, softball, squash and swimming. I also enjoy camping and gardening.*

*During the mid 70s I belonged to the Kiama Leos. I have recently retired and wanted to do some charity work and meet more people. I have always been impressed by the range of activities in which the Lions Club participates so I thought I would like to join."*

Our updated Membership promotional brochure was recently finalised, printed and is now in circulation. Our thanks to Gordon Bell for overseeing this important promotional initiative.

On the Web - [kiama.nsw.lions.org.au](http://kiama.nsw.lions.org.au)

At present we are looking at how best we might use a link with facebook.

Item of Interest – 2016 Illawarra Memory Walk and Jog

On Sunday 28 February 2016 over 2,200 people of all ages participated in this event at and adjacent to Stuart Park, North Wollongong. Its focus was on the race against dementia and was organised by Alzheimer’s Australia to raise vital funds for support services in the Illawarra region. There are 1.2 million Australians currently caring for someone with dementia. The Lions Club of Kiama was represented, from left to right in the photo below, by Hilton Bloomfield, Heather and Gordon Bell, and, Helen and Jim Webb.

