



Ki-Lines

Your newsletter with information for you

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FROM PRESIDENT VERONICA

We are nearly done with 2020. It is interesting to see so many people putting their Christmas Trees up early trying to hasten the advance of the New Year.

Looking back on the year I feel a personal sadness in the loss of Ken Methold and Jim Hinchliffe. Both wonderful gentlemen. It was such a privilege and fun to work with both of them in Ken's movies and plays.

Considering all the challenges of 2020 I believe Kiama Lions Club and its members have done very well. We are now well placed to hit the ground running in 2021 with a new approach to activities. Behind the scenes we have been working on some of our processes to make our lives easier. Being a member of Kiama Lions shouldn't be hard work. It should be fun....actually it is fun. So here's to more of it in 2021!

Thank you all for you support in this first half of the Lion's year.

AWARDS NIGHT AND 2VDG VISIT

On Thursday the 26th we had a special dinner meeting with a visit from 2nd VDG Norm Fountain and his wife Judith. It was also the night that Past President Jim McNeilly finally got to present his awards to the following deserving recipients:

Life Memberships:	Richard Langford & Gordon Bell
Melvin Jones Award:	Ian Chellew
James D Richardson Award:	Janet Bruce
The Terry Hales Award for Lion of the Year 2019/20:	Ian Chellew (voted by club members)
The Club President's Award 2019/20:	Russell Fredericks and Gerry McInerney

LIONS COTTAGE – UPDATE

The Cottage is going from strength to strength. We are now seeing the results of all the hard work that has gone into the Cottage – both in the build phase and now the marketing as a viable property. This is truly a signature activity for our Clubs. On his recent visit 2nd VDG Norm Fountain was very impressed with what he saw. Hopefully with a little less on their local plates in 2021 we will be able to seek support from other Lions Clubs.

CAN COLLECTION HELPERS AND TOWERS NEEDED

We now have the new club trailer available for use on all our projects. Ian Chellew is very pleased with the capacity of the new trailer which makes the Can Collection activity a lot easier. It is expected that can collections will increase over the summer holiday period. Please call Ian (**0417 692 289**) and make yourself available for collecting - a morning out and a bit of incidental exercise.

BUNNINGS BBQS

What an amazing result from our first Bunnings BBQ under the new guidelines - \$2611.60 net if you missed the news. Tony Grainger and the team of the day did such a fabulous job we have been invited back again on 5th Dec to do it all again. Because of the new guidelines a lot of organisations are not able to meet the requirements (manly staffing levels). The BBQ's are currently limited to weekends so it is a great opportunity for us to make very good money. It really is a case of make hay while the sun shines.

We are able to react quickly to Bunnings requests because we are organised and have good support from members. . A number of partners helped out on the day and reported back that it was great fun.....so don't miss out on your share of the fun

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS TRAINING

The new payment system was implemented at Bunnings and will be rolled out for Driver Reviver as well. We will still have cash at both activities. We will have an instruction sheet to send to all in the next couple of weeks. There will also be a copy in the van. We will now be able to satisfy all our customers!

CHRISTMAS CAKES

Michael has received and distributed the cakes.....so let's get out there and sell them. Or buy them! You can pay direct to the Lions Activity Account using your surname and cakes as the reference.

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DRIVER REVIVER

Driver Reviver rosters are circulating – will still need some gaps filled. There are 14 slots to fill over the Christmas New Year period. It is such an enjoyable activity and really does make a difference to the driving public as well as getting the Lions name out there.

KIAMA SHOW

We have written to the Show Society to ask for clarification on requirements for the show. It is a difficult time for them trying to work out what they can and can't do. We will keep the date of 23rd January in our diary and decide what we can do when we hear back from the Show Society.

FUTURE DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	STATUS
Saturday 5th December	Bunnings BBQ	Confirmed
Thursday, 10 December 2020	Christmas Dinner @ Leagues	Confirmed
TBA	Board Meeting	TBA
Thursday, 14th January 2021	Welcome Back Gathering At Kiama Downs Surf Club	Confirmed
Saturday, 23rd January	Kiama Show	Activity TBA
Thursday, 28th January	Dinner Meeting	Confirmed
Thursday, 11th February	Dinner Meeting	Confirmed
Tuesday, 23rd February	Board Meeting	Confirmed
Thursday, 11th February	Dinner Meeting	Confirmed

We are back to our normal meeting schedule at the Leagues Club. So we will revert to the policy of you apologising if you are not coming to a meeting. Otherwise it will be assumed you are attending. So - RSVPKiamaLions@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Unfortunately recently we have had to accept the resignation of a couple of our members. Both Ian and Sue Kennedy have resigned – they are very busy working full-time. Ian is away a lot with his work and Sue has at least two jobs on the go – including being a teacher. They have both contributed a lot to the club during their membership. Adam Smith has stepped down as he is building a new post Navy life...Wendy is still an active member and I am sure she will get Adam back involved again at the right time. All three have contributed to our club.

Membership dues are calculated by both Lions International and District based on the members registered with the club on the **31st of December**. So if you are a member then you will be liable for dues for the following six months. Those dues will be payable in January 2021.

FROM THE CANCER CARE TRUST

Every so often I receive a thank you note from the family of our citizens who have contracted cancer and been the recipients of support from our Trust. Not so regularly it comes with a donation, usually from a collection box at the funeral. I have encouraged those at Stan Crapp Funerals to discuss this with the family when they are making funeral arrangements. Recently our club received such a thank you and a donation and I thought it might be a good time to publish the letter. It is nice that our work is acknowledged.

“We are writing this email to say an enormous thank you to the Kiama Lions Club. Towards the end of July, our mother Heather Cumming was diagnosed with cancer and sadly passed away on 22 October 2020. She was 78 years old. We received wonderful support from the staff at Kiama Health Destination Pharmacy who organised financial assistance from the Kiama Lions Club. Your kindness is greatly appreciated, and we wanted to show our gratitude by asking for donations to the Kiama Lions Club, in lieu of flowers. We have received the envelope from Stan Crapp Funerals, and we wish to forward it on to the Kiama Lions Club. Please advise us of where you would like the envelope to be sent, or if you would prefer the funds to be transferred to a Kiama Lions Club account.

Heather Cumming was a wonderful lady and a dearly loved mother and mother in law of Julie and Brad, Trish and Darren, Wendy and Craig, Jackie and Brian. She was an adored Grandma of Callum, Simon, Emma, Sharna, Georgia, Caitlin, Erin and Bailey. Heather was a loved sister of John (dec) and Bev, Neil and Rhonda, Norman and Gwen, Maurice and Helen, Robert and Janice. She will be sadly missed by her loving family and many dear friends.

*Kind regards,
Julie McCurry, Trish Rogers, Wendy Harrison, Jackie Dobson”*

In other Trust news Past Presidents Gordon Bell and Hilton Bloomfield have been appointed Trustees by the Board. Their expertise in finance will be a valuable asset to the Trust. Other Trust members are Jim McNeilly (as Immediate Past President), John Larkins (as Treasurer) and David Grant and myself (with health expertise).

I would also like to acknowledge a regular, substantial donation that comes in from a social golfing group (the Love Street group) that includes a number of Lions who would perhaps prefer to be anonymous!. Such donations are greatly appreciated.

Gerry McInerney
Chair,
Lions Club of Kiama Inc. Cancer Care Trust

PS – recently clearing of donation boxes totalled \$355.00. Our community continues to be generous.

FROM THE WELFARE OFFICER

VALE JIM HINCHLIFFE

Jim Hinchliffe joined Kiama Lions in 1972 when he purchased Virtue's Pharmacy in Manning Street, Kiama. He would later take in as a partner our Past President Les Schwab. He had come from Harden where he had been greatly involved with community activities including membership of the Jaycees and, when he turned forty, the Rotary Club of Harden of which he had, I believe, been President. Rotary membership conditions at the time meant that Jim could not transfer to Kiama Rotary as there was already a pharmacist as a member, John Hinton, of Hinton & Hinton Pharmacy in Terralong Street.

Rotary's loss was our gain and Jim became a very active member of our club for forty-eight years, serving as club President in the 1976-77 year. During that year the club raised considerable funds for the first rescue paramedic ambulance in the Illawarra, the Q Van. It also raised funds for furnishings and equipment for the newly opened Blue Haven Nursing Home and Hostel in Havilah Place. This was the first year that the Lions Youth of the Year program was conducted by our club and the first year Lions held a fete with an associated fashion parade. Jim will be remembered for hosting with Lions Lady Gwen for many years the annual luncheon we staged for the visually impaired of our district.

Jim's acting abilities came to the fore when he played the part of Detective Inspector Summers in the movie Ken Methold wrote and produced for our club, Summers Last Case. He continued on with the Kiama Matinee Theatre that raised a large amount of money for the Lions Carer's Cottage. In his early time in Kiama Jim had been involved with the local drama company that produced a series of plays in the seventies and eighties.

Jim and Lions Lady Gwen were extremely active in a number of charities and Jim also served the community as an alderman on Kiama Council for one term. He was a competent speaker and debater. A keen skier, Jim had a number of memorable trips away with fellow Lions Past Presidents John Porritt, David Jones, Russell Fredericks, and Mike Podolinsky, to name a few. Socially Jim was great company and he really enjoyed our Happy Hours. Very long-time members will recall Jim attending the after Lions meeting activities at premises referred to as Porritt's Palace, the upstairs office of Past President John Porritt at the rear of Jim's pharmacy that continued well into the night.

Over the last few years Jim became a privileged member as age and health issues caught up with him, but he would not miss our fiftieth anniversary celebrations in March of this year and was glad to catch up with members of his earlier years in Lions. He died peacefully at 11 p.m. on Wednesday 11th November, Remembrance Day. He will be sadly missed by his fellow Lions, former patrons of his pharmacy, his professional colleagues, and the community members in general that he served so well. Vale, Jim.

To Gwen and family the club offers its sincere condolences.

Past President Gerry McInerney,
Welfare Officer

Several weeks ago I related to you that past Lions Lady Betty Draper, wife of Past President Eric Draper (deceased) had a recurrence of a previous cancer. Unfortunately, Betty succumbed to the disease last Thursday. She was 83 years old. She will be remembered by many of our long-standing Lions as a lady with a great personality who was a tower of strength to Eric during his year as President in 1977-8. Her funeral was held at Stan Crapp Funeral Parlour in Kiama next Friday at 2pm with restricted numbers because of the pandemic. R. I. P.

Big Birthdays:

Lion John Hines is spending his ninetieth birthday in hospital today following successful surgery on his tongue. He expects to be home on Thursday. He can't speak at the moment but members might like to text him on 0409627129.

Past President Gerry McInerney
Welfare Officer

NEXT KI-LINES WE WILL HAVE NEWS ON RSA TRAINING, WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS AND STRUCTURED TYRO TRAINING. AS WELL AS REPORTS ON YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR 2021 AND OUTWARD BOUND.

DON'T FORGET THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?

A Christmas Quacker!

