



# Ki-Lines

Your newsletter with information for you

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### **FROM PRESIDENT VERONICA**

We are still living in **interesting times**....but aren't we lucky we live where we live, surrounded by our caring community. This is demonstrated in no better way than the reaction to recent tragedies and the establishment of the **Kiama and District Stronger Communities Initiative**. I have sent you an email asking you to complete a **Stronger Community** Survey. The aim is to have as many community members as possible complete the survey – across all age groups – it is important data and will help develop a constructive plan to provide the support and education that is needed.

Our Christmas Party needs to be at the Leagues Club this year because of capacity issues at restaurants. It will still be a fun night. RSVP and payment is essential. Your invitation is in a separate email.

## **LIONS COTTAGE – UPDATE**

The Carers Week was very successful. All Carers enjoyed their stay and found the experience of staying with other Carers very valuable – even though they were sharing with ‘strangers’. We are currently reviewing the pricing of stays to see if we can reduce the costs to carers.

Lions Cottage Kiama and National Carers Week. – feedback from Anne McLeod

*This morning I had the privilege of spending an hour with two of the carers enjoying a few day's respite at the cottage. It was such an uplifting visit that I wanted to share the positive impact that a short stay at the cottage has on people who look after loved ones who can't care for themselves; whether through disability, physical illness or mental health. For both carers, this is the first break that they've ever had. Whilst caring for their children is obviously their passion, it's a full-time commitment and often tiring both physically and mentally.*

*As the focus is always on the person being cared for, the carer can often be overlooked one of them said. Both carers are sole parents. These few days at The Cottage has given them some time to themselves which is rare. I asked what they've done since they arrived. One said, "NOTHING!" and they both laughed. Whilst socialising with other guests is not a necessity, they've both enjoyed chatting to each other about the good and challenging aspects of being a carer that "only another carer would understand." Both Carers had enjoyed browsing Kiama's shops, having coffee at cafes and relaxing in general - things that many of us would take for granted but something that carers often find difficult to do.*

*I asked what are the hurdles for carers to manage a short break away. There was a list of reasons with the main ones being financially difficult as well as finding a suitable person to care for their loved ones.*

*This morning confirmed to me the importance of the cottage and the service that it provides to those often forgotten members of our community who are caring for others. The two carers were so grateful for the opportunity to stay at the cottage and 'recharge', They said that the few day's respite will have a positive impact on their well being and in turn on the well being of their children.*

*Well done to all those involved in making this facility happen. Speaking to these carers this morning, it's obvious that your hard work has been well worth it. When I asked if there was anything Lions could do to improve the experience they both replied, "NO! Nothing!"*

*...and the smiles on their faces said it all!*

## **CAN COLLECTION HELPERS AND TOWERS NEEDED**

As the holiday parks and venues return to a new normal activity the can collection process is hotting up. Ian Chellew has done a great job making the contacts and setting up this project. However we need teams of people to assist with the collection and deposit process. Ian is

preparing an instruction sheet to make sure that the activity is Covid safe. It is something that nearly all of us can do. The collection requires 6-8 people and takes place either on a Monday or Tuesday morning from 9-11. If most members get involved we should be needed no more than once a month.

We will be getting our new trailer very soon so we need a number of people who can tow the trailer – at the moment this task is falling on Ian Chellew and his vehicle. We need to share the load – literally! Please contact Ian directly and put your hand up to help out.

## **BUNNINGS BBQS**

Bunnings BBQ's are up and running again. There are some changes to processes and when Tony Grainger gets back from holidays he will tell us all about that. So standby for volunteering requests when we get the call. Like all our projects this shouldn't be left to one person to organise....so if you want to do that bit extra for your club put your hand up to be 2IC. Training will be provided!

## **ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS TRAINING**

Talking about training....our EFT system has been tested at a few meetings. We are in the process of writing a one page instruction sheet so the TYRO machine can be used at Bunnings and at Driver Reviver.

## **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 was very much appreciated by the travelling public over the Oct Long weekend and school holidays. It is a great reminder of the value of the service side of our Club activities. Janis will be looking for volunteers to fill the rosters over Christmas, New Year and the school holidays. So stand by.

At this stage we haven't received any advice on the status of the request for a permanent structure.

## TOMRA SITE MAINTENANCE

With this Ki-Lines is a roster of people helping out with the Tomra Site Clean. It is a very simple task. If you haven't had a turn yet make sure you contact David Wright to get your name on the list.

## KIAMA SHOW

The show is scheduled as a one day event on Sat Jan 23. We have been in contact with the Show Society and they advised that they definitely want us to be there. At this stage it is not clear what their requirement will be but keep the day free for assisting with BBQ's and possibly the gates. It is always a great activity.

## FUTURE DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	STATUS
Thursday, 12 November 2020	Dinner Meeting @ Leagues Club and AGM	Confirmed
Tuesday, 24 November 2020	Board Meeting	Confirmed
Thursday, 26 November 2020	Dinner Meeting @ Leagues Club Past President Jim McNeilly's awards night Visit from 2VDG Norm Fountain	Confirmed
Thursday, 10 December 2020	Christmas Dinner @ Leagues	Confirmed
Tuesday, 22 December 2020	Board Meeting	TBA
Thursday, 14th January 2021	Welcome Back Gathering At Kiama Downs Surf Club	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](mailto:RSVPKiamaLions@gmail.com)

## FROM THE WELFARE OFFICER

It is with sadness that I advise of the passing of another Foundation Member, Warren Hart. A well-known local identity and the proprietor of Hart's Garage, Warren was one of the initial band of twenty members that began our club in 1970. He had experienced kidney failure and was on dialysis for a number of years. His wife, former Lions Lady Colleen, predeceased him some years ago. R.I.P.

Lion John Hines will spend his ninetieth birthday in hospital on the 19<sup>th</sup> November as he undergoes an operation for a cancer on his tongue. Two surgeons will be in attendance.

Speaking with Past President Bob Gray, he tells me he is having good and bad days but when I phoned he was walking his dog in between showers and was in good spirits.

Recently I mentioned that Lion Chris English had taken possession of a device to allow him to stand up. A photo on Facebook showed Chris looking across his back fence for the very first time. Slow progress, but progress indeed.

Past President Russell Fredericks has advised that Past President Jim Hinchliffe is still travelling poorly. He was speaking with Lions Lady Gwen recently. Jim is happy to take short telephone calls.

Time does really fly. It is twelve months since we lost Lion David Kirkman.

About thirty-four years ago Gillian Hines, daughter of Lion John and Lions Lady Iris, was involved in a serious motor traffic accident in which she received brain damage. Over that time she has received tremendous love and support from them and recently was transferred to care at Blue Haven Bonaira. As a long standing Lion I can remember details of the accident quite clearly. It was a pleasant surprise to see a beaming Gillian being assisted to walk down a corridor at Blue Haven by her cousin in a recent Facebook photo.

Hopefully restrictions will soon ease on visits to aged care facilities and Lions Ladies Noeleen Unwin, Barbara Kelly and Sandra Steel will be to receive visits from friends as well as immediate family. It has been a necessary but huge price to pay to keep our people in care safe.

Past President Gerry McInerney  
Welfare Officer