



Ki-Lines

Your newsletter with information for you

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FROM PRESIDENT VERONICA

Well we bit the bullet and had our first meeting since March. It was a great night at the Kiama Downs Surf Club. We managed ourselves quite well within the space. I think those who were able to attend felt comfortable and were pleased to be back together. We will have a Happy Hour there on the 8th of October. There will be a separate email about that as we can't run it like our Heinecke Happy Hour at Kiama Surf Club.

The Board had a productive meeting. A couple of decisions were made. We are not running the VIP Luncheon this year but may look at offering it in a different venue next year.

We continue our involvement with the Kiama Community Suicide Prevention Initiative. At this stage we have not committed to any particular activity. But can I encourage every member to become familiar with the issues around mental health....it is another disease ...not something to be ashamed of or whispered about.

Tony Grainger is working on a Covid Safe Car Rally for sometime in November – more details to come if he ever returns from his planning trip!

Cheryl and I will be attending our first zone meeting on Monday 12th of October. It will be good to hear our other Clubs are doing.

LIONS COTTAGE – UPDATE

Cheryl Moses has replaced Fiona Wilkinson in looking after Cottage Bookings and is now working with Sue Granger-Holcombe and Ray Redgrave to ensure we utilise this beautiful property as much as possible. Fiona did a wonderful job in setting up many procedures and we thank her sincerely for her tireless efforts.

HOLIDAY RENTAL

- We have 5 bookings to date, 2 in September and 3 in December so far.
- A total of 32 nights are booked with Airbnb
- We have another 24 nights available to fill with Holiday Rentals
- As a result of what we've learned over this time we will continue to advertise through Airbnb.
- We will also continue to list the property with Kiama Tourism and adjust our listing to generate interest from that source.

CARER BOOKINGS

We currently have 2 Carer bookings in the next few weeks.

- For Carers Week (11th – 18th October) we have donated 6 nights for the use of Carers. George Kranitis from Community Connecting Illawarra has provided 6 well deserving Carers who will each spend 3 nights at the Cottage.
- George has provided us with a list of Support Coordination Services which we will contact in the near future.
- We are working with Lucy Gow from The Vine Communications who will be submitting a Press Release for us during Carers Week and we may have an opportunity to be promoted on Sunrise.
- Lucy is also helping us with other promotional ideas.
- We are actively seeking further bookings and interest is growing
- We are targeting Carer groups to spread our message through social media, and direct contact

MAINTENANCE

The property is well maintained thanks to the many people volunteering their time behind the scene. We have added a Sensor Light to the back porch which has made entry at night much safer. We are currently looking into installing a gate on the driveway side of the property – again for safety reasons.

SUMMARY

This year's National Carers Week follows the emergence of the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic. As such, the easing of restrictions to allow for domestic travel has come at an ideal time for those full-time carers to stop and regenerate. I am confident that we are on the right

track to increase our Carer bookings this year and I'm looking forward to working with the rest of the Cottage Team, it is such a beautiful property and worthwhile project.

BUNNINGS BBQS

There have been a few articles in the press about Bunnings re-opening their BBQ stations. We look forward to when we will be offered some shifts at Shellharbour . Expect a call from Tony Grainger soon.

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

Our Tyro electron funds transfer system had its first outing at the meeting on the 24th of September. It is very easy to use and we will provide training for members who will need to use it at future activities.

CHRISTMAS CAKE TIME – FROM MICHAEL FOX

Well another Christmas is fast approaching and it's time to order your Christmas cakes. This year we have had to do things a little differently due to Covid so I am asking you to make contact with me to place your order now. The last date for the Club to receive a discount is 14th October 2020. If I don't receive your order before that date, I will take it that you do not require any cakes.

PS I only need your order now and payment will be on delivery. The good news is that all prices are the same as last year.

You can contact me by email foxairmail@gmail.com also text or phone 0429203963

NOTE THE EARLY ORDERING DEADLINE OF 14th OCTOBER



DRIVER REVIVER

Driver Reviver is up and running for the school holidays. It has been reasonably busy and the public have been very generous with their donations. We are likely to hear the result of our grant application for a permanent facility by early November. So assume we will still be caravanning at Christmas. Thanks to Janis and the team of volunteers who make this happen.

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Peter Scifleet is leading this activity for us and he has made contact with the local High Schools. Hopefully they will find the time to support their students in participating.

TOMRA SITE MAINTENANCE – FROM DAVID WRIGHT

We currently have 13 Lions on our Tomra Roster. There is one Lion attending the site every day clearing away cardboard cartons and sweeping up bottle tops, broken glass and other bits and pieces. This takes about 10 minutes to get the site looking respectable. Each of the Lions are rostered on for 7 days every 12 weeks. It is an easy commitment but you have to be there every day on your roster. There is a “fill-in” Lion if you have an urgent requirement on a particular day - but it might cost you!!!

New roster members are welcome. With each new member the period between rosters increases by one week. If there were 52 Lions on the roster each Lion would only have to work on the site once a year.

The Tomra site cleaning is an easy way to earn the club about \$10,000 per year. Let President

Veronica know if you can think of an easier way to earn \$10,000 per year.

THINGS THAT ARE STILL HAPPENING

You can still help out with the Wednesday gardening at the Lions Park.

Check with Ian Chellew for next time he is doing a Can Collection run.

And there is always gardening at the Lions Cottage.



Lions garden planted with sunflower seedlings..thanks to the Wednesday team

FUTURE DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	STATUS
Thursday, 8 October 2020	Happy Hour @ KDSC	Confirmed – must book
Tuesday, 20 October 2020	Board Meeting	Confirmed
Thursday, 22 October 2020	Dinner Meeting @ Leagues Club	Confirmed – must book
Thursday, 12 November 2020	Dinner Meeting @ Leagues Club	Confirmed
Tuesday, 24 November 2020	Board Meeting	Confirmed
Thursday, 26 November 2020	Dinner Meeting @ Leagues Club	Confirmed
Thursday, 10 December 2020	Dinner Meeting/Christmas?	TBA
Tuesday, 22 December 2020	Board Meeting	TBA

FROM THE WELFARE OFFICER

For those that may have missed some of my emails here is a complete list of what I have circulated.

It is with sorrow that I advise members of the death of the mother of Lions Lady Annie Boulton a few days ago. She was ninety-two years of age and in an aged care facility in Ireland. Regrettably, with Covid-19 restrictions in place and border closures, Annie and Lion Ivan were unable to attend the funeral. A planned visit to Ireland last April had to be cancelled because of the pandemic. R.I.P.

Lions Lady Wendy Scifleet has asked me to pass on her thanks to all members of the Lions family that have telephoned or otherwise enquired as to how she is faring. She struggles on and would welcome any who wish to visit but asks that they ring first as she is still able to be out and about and is making the most of every day.

Former Lions Lady Betty, wife of the late Past President Eric Draper, is seriously ill. Following a fall, some scans were taken which revealed the recurrence of a precious illness following a mastectomy several years ago.

Former Kiama Lion, Stan Brierly, died earlier this month after a prolonged illness. Stan was my secretary in 1991-92 at the time Kiama hosted our first District Convention and was very efficient. He transferred into our club from Engadine Lions when he and Lions Lady Lyn moved to Jamberoo and remained a member for four years. Stan was in a wheelchair at the time and had partial paralysis of both legs. He had been invited to join Engadine club as its contribution to the United Nations Decade of Disabled that ran from 1983 to 1982. Stan learned to play croquet at Jamberoo whilst in his wheelchair and went on to become a fine player and play in the State Championships, Past President Russell Fredericks has informed me. He would later recover the use of his legs with advancement in treatment. After Lions Lady Lyn passed away, he would remarry and he and his wife Val moved to Nowra. RIP.

Thanks must go to the great team of present and past Lions who turned up in force at the funeral of Past Life Member Max Jeffries at Shellharbour City Catholic Church last Friday. The group included thirteen Past Presidents of our club, including Charter Members Al McDonald and Tommy Richardson, now living in Birchgrove, as well as two Past Secretaries. (That information came from Lion David Robson). It was great to see Gino Barbisan, a former stalwart member of our club, and close friend of Max, there. Former Lions Lady June was very appreciative of our efforts. Max had received much recognition over the forty-two years he was a member including a Melvin Jones Fellowship and a James D. Richardson Honour Award to go with his Life Membership.

On my way home from Max's funeral I called into Shell Cove to visit Past President Bob Gray. Bob says he is recuperating well from his hospital stay but has lost a fair bit of weight and is not yet able to take his dog for a walk. However he was in his usual good spirits and grateful for the chat. He regretted not being well enough to attend the funeral. Visitors would be welcomed. Just ring beforehand.

Whilst I was visiting the physiotherapist last week for a niggling sore shoulder and talking about it with the physio, a voice piped up from the adjacent cubicle. It was Lion Rick Bensley who was having some back treatment. Later he told me Lions Lady Robin is recovering well from her recent knee replacement surgery and is due to have the stitches out this week.

Several members have spoken to me about Past President and Privileged Life Member Jim Hinchliffe, as they had heard he has not been travelling well of late. I spoke with Lions Lady Gwen this afternoon and she confirmed this but indicated he is feeling okay at the moment and is at home. Members will wish Jim well.

Lions Lady Robin Bensley has had a knee replacement at Wollongong Private Hospital. Whilst there she and husband Lion Rick caught up with former Lion and Past President David Jones. David had had a hip replacement and was waiting to be picked up and taken home by Past President Russell Fredericks. Both have some rehab treatment ahead of them.

Past President Jim Webb has advised me that the sister of his late wife, Lions Lady Helen, Fran Stubbs, has died. A Kiama resident and known to many members for her support for both Jim and Helen during Helen's long struggle with dementia, Fran will be missed by family and friends alike. We offer our sincere condolences to Jim.

As I rely on you for information on members and partners who may not be 100% please let me know if you hear such news.

Past President Gerry McInerney –Welfare Officer

*(In another time Janis and I would have just finished two weeks
staying in a friend's apartment on 42nd St in New York)*