



# Ki-Lines

Your newsletter with information for you

## September 2020

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**FROM PRESIDENT VERONICA....**

What a tragic time our community has experienced over the last few months. I am sure we all know someone who has been affected by suicide. Too sad to contemplate!

There has been a lot of press recently regarding a number of groups and activities wondering what they can do to help. At our Board meeting we agreed to look into some of these options. David Grant and I will be attending a zoom meeting hosted by Kiama Council - *Kiama Focussed Working Group for Suicide Prevention* on Tuesday 1st Sept. We are also contacting other groups and organisations to see where we can best help. The Board felt the Harry Budd Fund could be wisely used for this cause. If you have any specific input on this please email me.

Please note in the Board Report a decision about the **SEASIDE MARKETS**.

Can we think creatively and come up with a job for the **CARAVAN**?

## **BOARD REPORT AUGUST 2020**

A brief outline of discussions and decisions:

### **Lions Cottage – update**

There is a steady rate of bookings and community contact has been increased. Fiona Wilkinson made a presentation to Kiama Rotary (via Zoom) and Sue Granger-Holcombe has been hitting the phones and had an on-site meeting with Community Connecting Illawarra. Cheryl Moses has also joined the Cottage Committee. We should have an article on the front page of the District Newsletter this month. So all in all activity at the Lions Cottage is looking up.

### **Bunnings BBQs**

Bunnings advised that they will not be recommencing the sausage sizzle until a later date. BUT we will be ready to act as soon as they advise of the dates.

### **Electronic Payments**

We have entered into an agreement with TYRO for the supply of an EFT POS machine. Once we had done our research and decided that this was the best option we found that a number of Lions Clubs had done exactly the same. So we feel very confident we have made the right decision.

### **A \$ Reminder**

A few people have still to pay their dues. We've received the invoice from Lions International so we do need to pay it. Check with John Larkins if you are not sure. Please don't make this embarrassing! Lions at Large also need to pay their dues.

### **Kiama Seaside Markets BBQ Participation**

Thank you for your responses. Two-thirds of our membership responded to our request for advice. However only 10 members indicated they were active supporters of our participation and would happily help. Currently the markets are limited to 100 stall holders compared to the over 200 normally attending. The vendors are responsible for managing the traffic at their stall to make sure they comply with Covid 19 restrictions. With the limitations in place it is not economical for us to take a risk with food costs and profit sharing when partnering with community groups. After discussion the Board has made the decision not to participate at the Seaside Markets for the remainder of this year and for January 2021. A letter has been sent to the Chamber of Commerce to advise them. Normally we would have discussed this at a Dinner Meeting so if you want more information on this decision please call Veronica on 0439 383 487

## **OUR CARAVAN**

A new home...

The caravan has a new home Kiama Anglican Church has very kindly agreed to let us park the van behind the garage near the Rugby Club. It is very easy access. So now that problem is solved.

A new job....

Apart from Driver Reviver the caravan really doesn't have another job. Can we put our thinking caps on and think outside the box as to how we might best use the caravan. We have a lot of catering equipment but let's not restrict our thinking to only catering activities. Recently we had a call from a Rotary Club in Queensland who were looking at setting up a van for a mobile rural drop-in centre. Bomaderry Lions bought an old ambulance to re-purpose as a St Johns Ambulance facility at local events. Can we come up with something that would benefit our community.

## **DRIVER REVIVER**

Jim McNeilly has prepared and submitted a grant application for a permanent facility at Nungarry. Transport for NSW announced the grants early in August with quite a quick turnaround. Hopefully we will be successful. If we are we will be able to offer more Driver Reviver hours and involve other groups in using the facility to provide longer opening hours – especially during the summer holidays.

Janis Dzelde will be looking for volunteers for Driver Reviver shifts at the end of the month. School Holidays start on Friday 25th of September. It is expected that a lot of travellers will be on the road.

## **OUR ON-LINE PRESENCE**

As reported last Ki-Lines Ann McLeod is now looking after our Facebook and Instagram page. Don't forget to send her stories and photos at [annmcleod1@icloud.com](mailto:annmcleod1@icloud.com)

AND

To keep it in the family Dave McLeod is now looking after our Kiama Club Webpage. There was a great sigh of relief from somewhere over near Geoff Dowd's house. Geoff has been our webmaster since ...well since forever and was happy to hand it over to long-time member Dave.

We will be getting more information on the website and then we will design a cheat sheet so everyone knows how to log on. If we can do this it will be easier for everybody to get the information they need.

## POSITION VACANT

Sue Kennedy has had to step down from her membership of Kiama Lions because of work, study and her business commitments. Sue said she will still be a Lions supporter though Ian. So we need someone to look after Youth of the Year. If you are wondering what you can do for our club then this is probably it. Please call Veronica on 0439 383 487 if you are interested in leading this activity or helping out.



## OUR NIFTY NEW TRAILER!

Gerry Granger-Holcombe successfully applied to Illawarra Convoy for a grant to cover the purchase of this trailer. The cost is \$3,430.00. Delivery is expected in about 8 weeks.

It is 8 X 5 – so a little bigger than your standard trailer. The caged sides and ramp will make it a very useful addition to all our project activities.

When we receive the trailer there will be a formal publicity process through the Convoy team

Spurred on by the success of this grant application Jerry Granger-Holcombe has offered his services as Grant Guru.

## 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 (this will ramp up again).

The daily clean-up of the Return and Earn Site at Kiama View is happening. So check with David Wright.

And there is always gardening at the Lions Cottage.

## FUTURE DATES – BEING VERY OPTIMISTIC

Just keep the dates free if you can. – if you have a brain wave about something we can do let Veronica know.

DATE	ACTIVITY
Tuesday, 22 September 2020	Board Meeting
Thursday, 8 October 2020	Happy Hour
Tuesday, 20 October 2020	Board Meeting
Thursday, 22 October 2020	Dinner Meeting
Thursday, 12 November 2020	Dinner Meeting
Tuesday, 24 November 2020	Board Meeting
Thursday, 26 November 2020	Dinner Meeting
Thursday, 10 December 2020	Dinner Meeting/Christmas?
Tuesday, 22 December 2020	Board Meeting

### FROM THE WELFARE OFFICER

Firstly an update on Past President Bob Gray. Bob's condition has been diagnosed as Dressler's or Post-myocardial Infarction Syndrome, a type of pericarditis, an inflammation of the sac surrounding the heart and often resulting from previous surgery. He is recovering slowly and Lions Lady Maureen reports that he is eating well though he has lost some weight. He is walking with the assistance of the physiotherapist. Apparently the call for air transport from Wollongong to Prince of Wales Hospital was made just in time. **STOP PRESS: Bob was discharged 31 August.**

When I spoke to Lion Roy Cottle he was recovering from his throat operation. The surgeon had segmented the muscle at the back of his throat to facilitate swallowing. Roy was optimistic that it would prove successful.

Former Lions Lady Elaine Kirkman has had a nasty cancer removed from her face. She is awaiting news from her surgeon as to whether further treatment is required. Elaine is a member of Probus with friend and former Lions Lady Loris Kelton. Like our Lions Club its meetings have been suspended. Widows are an important part of our Lions family.

I ran into Lion John Unwin at the supermarket and he said Lions Lady Noelene had suffered a mini-stroke but was as well as could be expected. John has sold his Kiama Downs home and moved to independent living at Blue Haven Bonaira and missing our club meetings, as we all are.

There is no doubt that the current isolation and lack of meetings is affecting our members and we can only hope we can resume as soon as is safely possible.

Past President Gerry McInerney –Welfare Officer

## **MUSINGS FROM A SENIOR MEMBER**

*Kiama Lions, what a great Club over the years from 1970 to 2020. The work by our Members for Kiama residents has been remarkable. The Cancer fund has helped so many people in our municipality. Our 50 year book brought back some wonderful and enjoyable times. The Harbour Fun Days, the Christmas beach party's for the children where Lion Geoff Wilson dressed up as Father Christmas and gave out presents to the children. The late Lion Harry Budd what a remarkable worker who also donated money to our Club to help with projects. We hold our heads up to all the past Presidents who put all their energy into their year. All the work members did to set up Peace Park in Manning St. The Garden set up and the maintenance that followed in Collins St.*

*Project after Project to make our Club what it is today. We made many friends around the world when we started our website. Our Members were made welcome by Lion Clubs abroad when on holiday in their Country. Kiama Lions Members can feel very proud of all the work that they have achieved over the years. And it's not over yet.*

John Hines

## **A STORY TOLD ON A MORNING WALK**

..a conversation held at a Lions members home and reported to a fellow Lion

W: - *What are you going to do today?*

M: - *mmm nothing.*

W: - *But you did that yesterday.*

M: - *yes I know, but I haven't finished yet.*

## **GOSSIP – (WHO WOULD HAVE EVER THOUGHT GERRY MCINERNEY WAS A GOSSIP!)**

- Gordon and Heather Bell have taken off to Orange for a break.
- Jerry and Sue Granger-Holcombe celebrated a wedding anniversary during August.
- Harvey Diener has ventured out of isolation to join some SOFGOKs golfing mates for lunch at the 3 Brothers cafe recently. (Superannuated Old Fart Golfers of Kiama.) Ray and Faye Redgrave were also dining there.
- Gerry McInerney turned eighty mid-month.
- Mike Monaghan was spotted back with the Table of Knowledge group at The Bowlo last Friday night.
- Past member Peter Brown has bought a history book. He now resides in Dalby, Queensland, where he celebrates his sixteenth year as Club Treasurer of Dalby Lions.

He was introduced into our club by Past President Rob Danby in 1993 when he was Manager of the NAB Bank here.

- Warren Steel had a Birthday on 20th August, extending further into his eighth decade. He says he won't stand for Council again, but I think we have heard that before!
- Geoff Dowd and Russ Fredericks are missing their Probus Choir outings. Russell still has his croquet but I am not sure about Geoff.
- Dave Munro is believed to have been sampling red wine at a neighbours recently and apparently acquired a taste for it.
- Lions Lady Lorraine is looking forward to the new SUV that she and Harvey have ordered.