



KI LINES

OUR newsletter with information for YOU

December 2019

From Our President Jim



Hi Lions, well November had some good and not so good moments. We lost a very good friend and Lion in David Kirkman and Geoff Dowd lost his Brother-In-Law, his Sister and his Mother, all in the one month. Our thoughts and prayers go out to David's wife Elaine and to Geoff and Jill.

We did have some good news in that Kiama Lions inducted 3 new members on Thursday. We welcomed Fran Carter and Adam & Wendy Smith into our Club. I know that talking to all 3 new members that they are looking forward to serving the local community and volunteering for our many Lions projects. **Welcome to the Club Fran, Adam & Wendy!**

This month we had another fun night out at our Happy Hour at the Surf Club. A great night was had by all who attended and, as always, many thanks go to Geoff & Marilyn Heinecke who were ably assisted by Dennis & Mary Wilson. Thank you also to David Robson who so ably conducted our Annual AGM.

We also welcomed our 1st Vice District Governor, Maxine Helmling and her husband Paul, past DG. A well attended reception was put on by Kiama Council, which was very much appreciated. Our dinner meeting was then held at Jamberoo Pub, which everyone enjoyed.

It seems to have been a very hectic first half of the Lions year and I thank you all for your efforts, especially working for those less fortunate than us.

On behalf of Michelle and myself, we wish you a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. Please have lots of fun with your family and friends and stay safe on our roads. I look forward to catching up with you all in 2020, our 50th Anniversary year.

President Jim

NEWS and GOSSIP!!

Congratulations to Geoff Gray and Dave Wright for becoming Great Grandfathers.

Congratulations to Chanel Burke on her James Richardson award and Morrie Kelly on being awarded his life membership of the Club.

David Kirkman's family asked us to convey to all members their sincere appreciation for the guard of honour at his funeral.

The more important points from the Board Meeting on 27th November were;

\$1,000 raised from the November markets is going to the ALF Bushfire Appeal
\$1,000 raised from bucket donations is going to the ALF Drought Relief Appeal

Approval was given for 2 Outward Bound places to be funded by the Club. Because we are now supporting the Top Blokes program in our local schools, places for Outward Bound have been reduced from 3 to 2 placements

Our Club is looking for someone to assist the Lions Cottage manager, Fiona Wilkinson. This person would help Fiona with marketing the Cottage to Carers associations, other Lions Clubs etc as well as publicity.

The Club is also looking for a member to step up and take onboard the co-ordination of next year's Kiama Show obligations. Jeff Gray would normally manage this for our Club, however with our new recycling project underway, Jeff is well and truly being kept busy. Jeff has said he is more than happy to instruct the new co-ordinator on what is required over the 2 days we are at the Show.

Through Warren Weekes, the Board has requested information on purchasing a portable Eftpos machine that would allow us to use cards for our meeting fees, annual fees and at our BBQ's, instead of having to use cash.. The Board has asked Warren to get more information on having the ability to print receipts. The Board should be in a position to make a decision at the next meeting.

Michael Fox is having a stellar year as Lions Christmas Cakes Director, looks like it could be a record year!

Professional advice has been sort as to the correct structures for both the Lions Cottage and our proposed Spinal Cord Injury Fund. Steve Norris Accounting will be presenting us with the best outcomes shortly.

Our newly commenced Recycling Project is starting to get some traction with funds raised expected to exceed \$1,200 for November. The busy holiday period is upon us so both Graham and Ian will calling on us to assist over this busy period.

It is expected that as a result of Kiama Lions taking part in cleaning up for Kembla Grange Racing Club for both the Melbourne Cup & The Gong, we should net between \$4,000 and \$5,000. A wonderful result, with many congratulations to Jim Webb for his outstanding management.

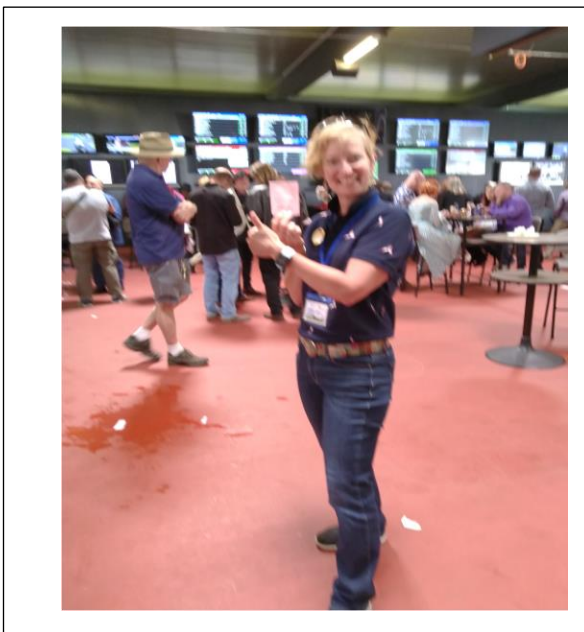
1st Vice president inducting Fran , Wendy and Ian



Great shot by Dave Robson of our gathering at Jamberoo Pub



New Lion Wendy a winner In the Melbourne Cup



Two others not so lucky





6 litre bottles of Merlot as raffle prizes



The great Gong Team,

at Parliamentary Lions Dinner

From the Welfare Officer

November 2019 will go down as a particularly sad one for our club.

On Tuesday 12th our Past Secretary Lion David Kirkman died in Karinya Palliative Care at Berry following a short but extremely painful illness, with multiple tumours causing Paraneoplastic Syndrome. We provided a Guard of Honour at his funeral on Friday 29th and sent our condolences with flowers to Lions Lady Elaine. David was grateful for visits from our members.

On Friday 22nd Past President Geoff Dowd lost his mother. Several days prior his sister passed away, following the death of her husband a fortnight before. In lieu of flowers Geoff requested a donation to the Dementia Research Foundation. I represented the club at his mother's funeral at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Caringbah, on Thursday 28th.

Former member Rod Howard, who moved to Milton last year, suffered a heart attack and spent time in Wollongong Hospital. I telephoned Rod to enquire how he was progressing, and he informed me he has to go back to hospital for another operation in the New Year. He asked to be remembered to club members.

With my wife Helen I visited former Lions Lady Jeanette Gilbert to see how she was getting along following the death of her husband Lion Bill. She is managing okay and back at tennis and craft and asked to be put on the mailing list, so she knows what we are up to. She thoroughly enjoyed the Happy Hour.

Lions Lady Coral Fredericks, who has not been enjoying the best of health over the last couple of years, was admitted to Shellharbour Hospital for a short spell to manager her sugar levels. When I visited her at home she was in good spirits, as usual, but feeling tired. PP Russell takes her to Sydney for treatment every few weeks.

It was great to see Lions Lady Noeleen Unwin at the Blue Haven Bonaira Open Day, with Lion John manipulating her wheelchair through the enormous crowd of people that turned out. LL Noeleen will transfer to the new residential aged care facility at Blue Haven Bonaira on December 11th.

Members should be aware that Lion Wendi Scifleet will become a Lion at Large. Despite her illness Wendi provided magnificent support to Peter during his time as District Governor and since. It is now time for Wendi to spend time with family, smell the roses and concentrate on herself.

If you know of any member of our Lions family that is unwell please let me know so that I can make contact and, if appropriate, advise members.

Past President Gerry McInerney

When we first started fundraising for the Cottage, Lion Ken Methold kindly donated a grand piano for sale. It was bought by a local family for their son who is an accomplished pianist at 16. He gave a concert in Bowral this week. Have a look at the link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMzIHBI3t4I&feature=youtu.be>

Don't forget Dinner Apologies to;
RSVP@kiamalions@gmail.com

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CHRISTMAS HAMS

As relayed at last dinner meeting Specialty Butchers, Addison Street, Shellharbour, (Tim Ball and our Bunnings sausage supplier) is offering to sell to our members Christmas Hams at a special price of \$9 per kilo, provided we have 30 confirmed orders.

Please advise Ian Chellew if you are interested. Hams will be in half or full lots, around 5 kilos to 10 kilos for the full ham.

Orders must be in by 10 December

If we are unable to fill quota (ie 30) price will be \$10 per kilo.. Once ordered you are locked in.

Ian advises that past hams bought have been excellent.

Advise Ian on 04127692289 and what type i.e. full ham or half, back or front (leg)

Tim supports us, so lets support him.

Thanks

Ian Chellew .

CALLING ALL GREEN THUMBS

We need a team of about 4 gardeners who will undertake to keep the Carers Cottage garden tidy and weed free. It is designed to be a low maintenance garden so it won't be onerous and should only require your attendance every 6 weeks or so.

NAMES TO PRESIDENT PLEASE.

Freedom Wheels are custom bikes for kids and adults living with a disability. The team of skilled volunteers design, build and deliver the bikes to suit the physical and cognitive needs of the individual.

The Lions District of 201N2 which is made up of 65 Lions Clubs and 6 Lioness Clubs which stretch across the south east of NSW, has made 50 kids dreams come true over the last 9 years. The clubs continued support of Freedom Wheels has meant kids living with a disability have been able to start cycling for the first time, which wouldn't have been possible without their generous support.

Our Club has participated in the past. If you know of a local child who could benefit from this project let us know.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| <u>DECEMBER</u> | | | |
| Thurs 5 th | Christmas Party | Olive & Vine | Geoff Heinecke |
| Weds 11 th | Board Meeting | KLC | Secretariat |
| Sun 15 th | Market BBQ | Kiama High P & C | |
| Thurs 19 th | Driver Reviver | Caravan | |
| Fri 20 th | BBQ | Bunnings | Santa Tony Grainger |
| Fri 20 th | Driver Reviver | Caravan | continuous |
| Tues 31 st | Driver Reviver | Caravan | |
| <u>JANUARY 2020</u> | | | |
| Wed-Fri 1-3 | Driver Reviver | | Janis Dzelde |
| Thurs 9 th | Family Gathering meeting | Kiama Rugby Club | Geoff Dowd/Ivan Boulton |
| Sun 12 th | Kiama Market BBQ | No Community Group | |
| Weds 22 nd | Board Meeting | KLC | |
| Thurs 23 rd | Dinner meeting | KLC | |
| Fri 24 th | Kiama Show BBQ | Showground | |
| Fri 24 th | Kiama Show Gates | Showground | |
| Sat 25 th | Kiama Show BBQ | Showground | |
| ***** | Kiama Show Gates | Showground | |
| Sun 26 th | Driver Reviver ends | | |
| <u>31st</u> | <u>SUBS DUE</u> | | |
| February | | | |
| Thurs 13 th | Happy Hour meeting | Surf Club | |
| Sun 16 th | BBQ Market | No community Group | |
| Sun 16 th | <u>Undies Run BBQ</u> | | |
| Wed 26 th | Board Meeting | KLC | |
| Thurs 27 th | Dinner Meeting LC | KLC | |

HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS

AND HERE'S TO A SUCCESSFUL 2020

