

# Lions Roar

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## Club Swans

Illawarra junior clubs have been invited to attend Club Swans on July 29.

This is held in Sydney. transport and food is provided by the AFL and entry is free. Club Swans is an evening of games and activities hosted by Swans players and has been a great hit with the regions who have already attended. Numbers are limited and we have to advise the AFL who is attending by July 18.

The bus leaves NDP at 4pm sharp on July 29th and will return at approx 9.30pm. 18 kids and 4 adults can attend. Extra adults can attend if they make their own way to Sydney (but they won't be included in the catering), but the number of kids is strictly limited to 18. Please let Steve Keyte or Grant Wilson know if you would like to attend by Wed July 16.

## NSW U/16 carnival.

The NSW U/16's carnival is being held at NDP on Saturday July 12. This is major event on the junior AFL calendar and will be attended by scouts from most AFL teams. The Illawarra Regional Committee have done a fantastic job organising this event but need help on the day. If you can spare a couple of hours to help out with the canteen/bbq, scoreboard, timekeeping, ground management, gate attendant, running superbowl comp and Auskick, or anything, please call Terry Ashton on 0418 418015 or Dave Johnson on 0407 288955.

## Lions Trivia Night

The Lions trivia night is being held on Sept 12 at the Master Builders Club. This is a joint effort of the senior and junior clubs and is a major part of our annual fund raising. Mark it down in your diary as it's a fun night out and goes a long way to keeping our teams on the park each season.

## Upcoming Games

Please note there are no junior games on July 12, the middle weekend of the school holidays. This weekend July 5 and the last weekend of the holidays July 19 we play at NDP. The u/10's have a bye both these weeks, so their next game is July 26 at Figtree Oval. Remember also that Saturday Aug 2 is the last of our night games for the year.

## Auskick News 28 June

The Auskick Lions travelled to Kiama to take on the Power. After a great skills practice, the players divided up for two games again this week! In the first game Campbell, Will and Dan kicked goals. Emily L had some great kicks and showed an improving knowledge of the game. Our newest Lion Jai kicked 2 goals and Meg kicked an awesome 4 goals!!! All Players rotated into various positions and showed increasing hand passing skills. Dan is to be especially commended on taking a mark. In the next game the busy Lions Jesse, Lewis, Wyatt and Sebastian kicked goals while Emily R, Jonah and Max F set up many plays from the centre. The skills standard of this game was excellent and showed that all the practice is working! All players took accurate kicks and passes. We look forward to seeing all Auskickers at NDP this weekend.

Mark Hurley – 0418 257 887

## Under 9's Kiama Power 8.5.53 d Lions 1.3.9

An undermanned Lions under 9s battled hard all day against the odds. Joshua put in a typical hard working performance, taking a good mark, working in under the packs and putting plenty of defensive pressure on the opposition. Joshua shared best on ground honours with Max who worked tirelessly to win the ball, and took a couple of great marks in possibly his best game of the year. Coby won the coaches choice award, for a good game which included our only goal, perfectly kicked from a tight angle. Jed worked really hard to win the ball, in one contest beating three opponents to get the ball forward. Jonah was his typical "hard at the ball" self, Liam went in for every contest and Ben kept his eye on the ball. All those who made the trip to Kiama can hold their heads up high knowing they worked together and gave their all for the maroon, blue and yellow jumper. Those who didn't make the trip to Kiama .well, we'll see you at training.

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If any U/9's parents have a problem getting their little Barry Halls or Adam Goodes' to a game on any Saturday morning coach Thommo has a 7 seat van and he is happy to provide a ride. You can call Mike on 4225 3678 or 0448 636 220 to organise a ride or see him at training.

Mike Thompson – 0448 636 220

## Under 10's - Lions 0.0.0 vs Tigers 6.0.36

Congrats to the players and their parents and the support crews for making the effort to get to Bowral on a beautiful sunny but a cold morning. Secondly, congrats to the players who played a gutsy game against a better co-ordinated and mobile Hawks team. The scorecard didn't reflect the effort on the field but I think the following was achieved

1. for the first time ALL our players PLAYED in designated positions which was great to see. 2. as ALWAYS our defensive effort was HUGE.3. the players helped each other out more and tried to get to the ball first many a time with success.4. we IMPROVED each quarter we played. Things to improve

1. STOP TALKBACK to the umpires!
2. convert the possessions we achieve from our GREAT defensive work to go forward and score at the other end!
3. How to shepherd and how to contest the ball using the body as a shield!
4. The importance of talking on the field!

We decided to sing the club song at the end of each game be it a win or loss! - this was agreed to instantly and we ALL SANG the club song after the game! - that was SUPER! Coach's award went to Harry Smith who had a blinder of a game in defence and the best and fairest went to Jules. My thanks go to Murray Smith, Aaron's mum, Kirk and ALL the parents and the kids who made an effort to get up there! Sam, Branden and Steve were definitely missed!

Coach Julian (acting)

## Under 11's: Kiama Power 5.11 (41) def Wollongong Lions 4.5 (29)

It was a tough day at the office for the mighty Lions when they ran into a switched on Power outfit on Saturday morning. The top of the table clash between the first and second placed teams in the comp was by far the toughest U/11's game I've ever seen. The Power out ran, out hustled, out tackled and ultimately out played the table topping Lions. The Lions were up by 5 points at the first break, but after being held scoreless in the second quarter never got their noses back in front and despite battling gamely to the final siren went down by two straight kicks. Player of the Week award went to **Izaak Wasley** for a terrific performance all around the ground. Izaak started in the centre and won almost every ruck contest against a much taller opponent - giving the Lions valuable go forward from every stoppage. He followed up with some great play around the ground and is fast becoming a top quality ball handling tall in the mould of Dean Cox. Coach's Choice went to **Jake Franjic** who didn't see much of the ball in the first half when at full forward but when moved into the centre displayed all his trademark toughness and determination in trying to win the ball from a swarming Kiama side. Top efforts from everyone on the team last week against a team who were really up to knock us off. The difference between the teams was the work the Power boys did off the ball, running in numbers after the loose ball, to support a player in possession and to make position for the next possession. This is something I have been trying to impress on the boys this season but we still tend to rely on the ability of a few players to win the ball. While this gets us over the line most weeks it shows a group of individual players is no match for an organized and aggressive team. Let's learn from last weeks loss and work on our team play in the weeks leading up to the finals.

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## Wollongong Lions U13's Lions 14.8.92 def Kiama Power 13.4.82

In the most exciting game of the season the Lions overcame an accurate Power outfit to win by 10 points. The Lions trailed for most of the game until a pressure goal from out wide in the final minutes by Chris gave us the lead for the first time in the game.

This game had us competing against a very strong team, in particular their full forward. Ben's perseverance in defence throughout the game limited the Powers opportunities, particularly in the final quarter when he was joined in defence by Christos. Josh Hayward had one of his strongest games of the year and Lewis was again at his fearless best.

The ruck work was impressive and we dominated the clearances with Josh running the ball hard out of the middle, causing all sorts of problems for the Power defenders.

The teams goal kicking improved markedly in this game, particularly in the final quarter (6 goals 2 behinds) to take the team to victory.

The final quarter effort by the whole team was very impressive; this performance will be required for the whole game this weekend against the top of the table Swans.

Steve Maciejowski - 0423 361 675

### This weeks matches

**Auskick** – Lions v Swans NDP - 10.00

**U9's** - Lions v Swans NDP 9.00

**U10's** - Bye

**U11's** - Lions v Swans NDP - 10.00

**U13's** - Lions v Swans NDP - 12.55

**All players to be at the ground a minimum of 30 minutes before game time.**

### Holiday Training

**Footy training continues as normal during the school holidays.**

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