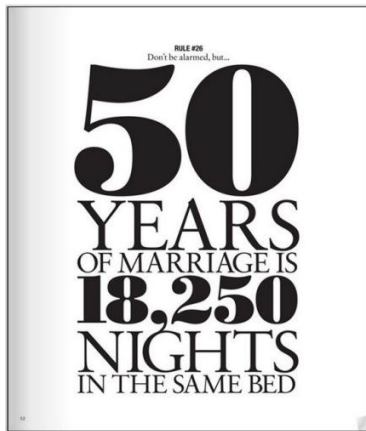


Lions Club of Minnamurra

Fishy Tales



**May 2015
Newsletter**



Lions,

My year as your president is going fast and our big day will soon be upon us with AutumnFest planning almost complete. I ask all members to make themselves available to help share the load that has fallen on the organising committee. Roger has organized all the shifts and should be contacted if you have been missed off the list. Hopefully, as ever, prior planning will prevent a p**s poor performance (the six p's vital for successful planning) and we can expect a successful event.

Ted is still having treatment and his spirits are high. If you have time, give him a ring to let him know what's happening around the traps. He'll appreciate the effort.

Kevin is still monitoring his progress having had to spend a period in Nambour hospital maybe caused by spending a week with seven grandchildren. He had a visit from Maroochydore Lions to check on his well-being. Just a little something else to confirm the benefits of being a member of Lions.

Howard is once again firing on all cylinders and we hope to welcome him back to our next meeting when he can catch up on his sleep!

Brian D's wife, Jill, has not been well and was recently in hospital for an operational procedure. She is home again and I take this opportunity to pass on our best wishes. Brian was recently seen doing the shopping. It's taken him a long time to learn how to do it!

The outward bound course to which we sponsored Jonathon Smith and Damon Zapletal concluded in April. We were entertained by the stories of their experiences in the great wet Victorian bush at the last dinner meeting. I think anyone present would have to agree that the project is one of our best endeavours as it reaches our local youth. My personal opinion is that there is a lot of value in this activity and I would like to see us continue to support the activity in future years.

I would like to convey my thanks to Geoff for his work bringing the bbq trailer back up to scratch. We should now be able to burn things for public consumption at much less risk to ourselves.

It was suggested that at AutumnFest we have a contest with two teams of six Lions to see how quickly the old Gazebo could be erected. I seem to remember it always used to give the store holders a couple of hours entertainment.

Brian D. will be using a marriage celebrant's microphone for the Pet Show and has consented to conduct a service if any couples will front up to repeat their marriage vows. All donations to Care Flight.

At our next meeting we will be inducting Rod Alying. He is a blind and awning manufacturer who lives on Jamberoo Mountain. Please extend a welcome to him and his wife Kim.

In closing, I wish you all well and hope to see as many of you at AutumnFest as possible.

Hugh (still) the Merciless





SECRETARY'S PAGE

Construction of a whale watching platform at Minnamurra Headland is another step closer to happening. See the attached letter from Kiama Council.

Recent e-mails from our Secretary about 2 matters are repeated below. Please respond to Dennis about the Changeover Dinner if you haven't already done so. Also consider buying an Entertainment Book from our club.

The Lions year is rapidly nearing it's end and that means another Changeover Dinner, our club's 16th.

The dinner this year will again be held at The Links function room at Shellharbour Golf Club and it will be on Tuesday 23 June 2015. It is of course a mixed night.

The menu we have chosen is 3 courses as follows:

- Fresh pumpkin soup
- Bread roll and butter
- From "The Carvery", herb roasted chicken, honey glazed ham, roasted root vegetables, roasted potatoes and red wine jus.
- Alternately, pavlova/brandy snaps.

Tea and coffee station
The cost is \$30 a head.

I am now collecting numbers for attendance. Can you please let me know if you will be one or two attending or if you will not be attending. You can do that by return e-mail or phone or when you see me.

The Entertainment Book is full of discount offers and vouchers for a wide range of restaurants/cafes and retail/travel organisations. Our club is selling the South Coast edition of the book for \$55 with 20% of each sale (\$11) going to the administration of Minnamurra Lions.

Helen and I have bought a book for about the last 6 years and will buy one for the upcoming year (which has already started and finishes on 1 June 2016). We have found that you only need to take up 2 or 3 of the many discount offers to recover the purchase price of the book. We conservatively reckon we have received at least \$300 in value from the book this year and it is one where we took up fewer offers than in some other years.

Lots of organisations sell the book and some of you may have previously bought a book from one of them. However, if you wish to buy a book this year please consider buying it from Minnamurra Lions. You can do so by logging onto the website (see the bottom part of the attached flyer) or by clicking www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/9172e47

If you choose to buy a book rather than a digital membership you can then choose delivery option "Pick Up" and the

Minnamurra Lions Calendar of Events

April 2015

May 2015

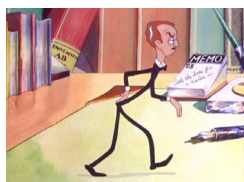
- 23 AutumnFest 15 set-up at Black Beach
- 24 AutumnFest 15 at Black Beach
- 26 Dinner meeting golf club

June 2015

- 7 Red Cross Fun Run
- 9 Board meeting golf club
- Dinner meeting golf club
- 23 16th Changeover Dinner mixed night, golf club.

July 2015

- 7 Board meeting golf club
- 14 Dinner meeting golf club
- 28 Dinner meeting golf club





Autumnfest 15

It's on again Sunday week 24th Black Beach. The highlight this year will be the Family Pet Show. At great expense and many hours of deliberation, and from numerous applicants, the AutumnFest committee have selected a renowned Chief Judge: L/Brian Divers. Judge Brian assured us he is well versed in choosing pets.

The weekend will require member manpower. Saturday afternoon for about 3 hours to gather equipment from the Scouts Hall to Black Beach and to set up the stage, the schools 'round-up' area and the Pet Show arena. Sunday morning early to erect tents, man the gates, etc.

The remainder of Sunday members will be required to man drink stalls, help with the cars and the motorbikes and of course the pet show.

We do not have the ice cream stall, nor do we have our bbq. Carnival rides look after themselves.

Sunday arvo we pack up about 3.30.

Lions Preso will officially open the day at 10.30 with a 30 minute speech.

The long range weather forecast is: Saturday – sunny 21deg. Sunday – sunny 20deg with late cloud.

I knew the Presbyterian gods would again look after us.

The AutumnFest committee trusts we all have a great day.





Treasurer's Report

Admin Account

Balance @ 30/04/15

\$2677.07

(one outstanding deposit of \$745.00)

Activities Account

Balance @ 31/03/15

\$18507.20

Comments from Kevin include:

Keep Noel informed of any changes to your phone, e-mail or address so that records are accurate and we know where you live, in case you're behind with your subs!

If you are unable to attend a dinner meeting, please consider informing Howard a day before so that we have accurate numbers for the Golf Club because we are liable for food ordered but not taken up. The Golfie have been very decent so far but why push our luck? Howard can be phoned on 42375909 or contact Kari by email harju@westnet.com.au



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10 April 2015

Secretary
Mr D McColl
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Dear Sir

**Erection of a Whale Watching Platform
at Minnamurra Headland**

Reference is made to your letter dated 13 March 2015 regarding the possible construction of a whale watching platform at Minnamurra Headland.

Council wishes to advise that although it has received funding from the NSW Government towards this project, the balance is required to be funded by Council. This item has subsequently been included in Council's draft 2015/16 budget for consideration and will be placed on public exhibition in May/June.

Should this item be included in the final adopted 2015/16 budget, Council looks forward to working with your organisation on this project and will be in contact in the future.

Should you have any further enquiries or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Manager Design and Development, Darren Brady on the above telephone number or email council@kiama.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

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your community

I continue the short series on local history compiled by John Knox. He's certainly done a fair bit of research to compile this information for your enjoyment. Thanks, John

Railway Service to Kiama

The initial rail trip to Kiama was on 9th Nov 1887, ended at Kiama North now called Bombo, the only rail station on a beach. A stone enclosure in Hutchison St, was provided for rail passengers to leave their horses, carts and wagons whilst on their rail trip to Sydney.

The rail service further south was completed and put into service on 2 June 1893. This required building the Kiama Tunnel and the 4 Omega tunnels between Kiama and Omega. New railway stations were made at Kiama, Omega, Gerringong, Toolijoola, Gerringong, Berry, Jaspers Brush and Bomaderry. Minnamurra Station was put in service on 23 Dec 1891 and was opposite Dunmore House (NSW Premier lived there) but Minnamurra Station was transferred to its present site in 1943.

The Rail line meant that passengers had a quick trip to Sydney (around 2.5 hours) but it meant that farmers could send fresh milk to Sydney rather than less profitable butter/cheese sent by boat. Milk factories (Dairy Co ops) were built at the rail sidings at Kiama (1907), Berry, Gerringong, Bomaderry, Albion Park Rail etc. Farm produce, timber, blue metal were also freighted to Sydney with food, clothing, tools, hardware, mail etc transported back to our district. The railways took much business off the coastal trading boats and ships. Blue Metal was the main thing taken by ship after WW1 but Kiama station had a blue metal loading facility in 1910. Around 1974, Omega, Toolijoola, Jaspers Brush and Yalah stations were closed.

The main locomotives used on the South Coast line was the P or 32 class locomotives (4-6-0 Wheel arrangement) and were used both on passenger and freight trains.

South Coast Daylight train started service in 1933. It was pulled by two 32 class locomotives painted green (3306 and 3374) which had special green and cream CUB carriages. By 1949, South Coast Daylight ran a 7 car air conditioned HUB carriage set pulled by 38 class Pacific locomotives (4-6-2) as these carriages were heavier to pull on the Illawarra grades. Two 32 pulled it from Thirroul to Bomaderry. The Kiama line was too light for 38 class locos. In 1957 the SCD train was pulled by 36 class (4-6-0) 3616 towing FS and BS carriages (non air cond). Steam haulage of SCD stopped with the last run pulled by 3801 to Thirroul and onward to Bomaderry with 32 class power. It was replaced by DEB set (self propelled diesels) and in May 1961 this train was run with BUDD cars. These American Budd cars were very unreliable, had fire problems in their engines resulting in this train being pulled by 45 or 48 class diesels. Deb sets were used for a few years again. The end of an era came in 1991 when the South Coast Daylight was stopped and the Budd cars were cut up for scrap (Stainless steel). The timetable for South Coast Daylight departed Sydney at 9:25 am Wollongong 11.06, Kiama 11.33 all stations to Bomaderry arriving at 12:42 pm. The train returned to Sydney departing Bomaderry at 2pm, Kiama 2.47 and arrived at Sydney at 5:18 pm.



Train hauled by 3294 over the wooden bridge over Spring Ck BOMBO as it comes out of the Kiama tunnel heading north. Note the few houses and no Hart's Service Station yet.



3266 coming over the iron bridge over Terralong St, Kiama

By 1986, Wollongong finally had an electric inter urban train service and commuters had a DEB 900 set to Kiama and beyond. Kiama had electric interurban trains in 2001.

A 1955 timetable shows only 7 trains per day to and from Kiama to Sydney. (5.44 am, 7.26, 9.25 am 1.45pm, 2.47 SCD express, 5.54 and 9.50 pm). Today's trains are only 6 mins quicker than in 1955.

Wollongong suburban trains and some Sydney trains, were mostly end platform (cowboy) cars pulled by 32 class and later by 42, 44, 45 and 48 class diesels. The Unanderra to Moss Vale line had mostly 32 and 36 class steamers then later, railmotors (CPH "tin hares") were used for passengers.



Steam trains using the line (32, 36 50, 55 etc) often had 2 firemen to shovel the coal to get the trains up this steep grade and bank engines were the norm. Most engines had to be re watered at Summit Tank at the end of this steep grade. This line was put in 1932 after many years of hard work. During the war years, iron ore was taken from Crookwell to Port Kembla by train to keep the steelworks going. A number of coal/iron ore ships were sunk by enemy (German and Jap) submarines.

Today this line is closed to rail passengers (except Cockatoo Run) and uses Rail Coach bus service twice daily between these locations. Freight coming downhill is

mostly limestone from Marulan, some wheat and uphill is mostly steel products heading to Melbourne. The Maldon- Dombarton line was started but stopped in 1983 by Griener Government who had to pay out cancelled contractors. There is debate whether this line should be completed

Freight trains in the Illawarra saw trains hauled by P32, 35, 36, D50 & 55 class standard goods later 57 and 58 class worked trains to Thirroul. Today, the line is heavy duty to Bomaderry to cater for the Manildra trains mostly pulled by 81 and 82 class diesels.

Passenger services Kiama to Bomaderry mostly had carriages pulled by 32 class steamers but later rail motors were used like CPH Tin Hares from 1930's then DEB sets and more recently by Endeavour class rail motors.

A Cockatoo Run diesel hauled train will come down the South Coast line and climb up the Moss Vale line. The train can be boarded at Unanderra 11 am (or W'gong, Thirroul, Central etc) and arrives back to Unanderra at 1700 hours (5 pm) . Lunch can be taken at Robertson or Moss Vale. The cost is \$55 but the scenery is stunning with views of the coast, rainforest etc . A coming date includes Wed May 27. More info and bookings can be done on Cockatoo Run web site.

Note:

It is hard to date these pictures that were taken on glass plates and are in the possession of Australian Railways Historical Society. The P32 class were first built 1892 but were the main motive power for over 40 years.



The Back Page

USB stick for seniors

Soon it will be compulsory for the elderly to not only carry their ID with them, but also their insurance papers, their list of medication and a compact version of their medical history, their views about resuscitation after a cardiac arrest etc, etc. So, when an older person wants to go out, he or she will need to carry a lot of paperwork!! That is why this has been developed, a special USB stick for seniors.

Available soon, but only on prescription!

This way you will always have your USB handy....



A Few Timeless Truths

In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a government.

John Adams—2nd President of USA

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

George Bernard Shaw

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

Will Rogers—silent movies star

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.

Ronald Reagan

The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.

Mark Twain

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

Aesop

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

