

Lions Club of Minnamurra

Fishy Tales



**July 2015
Newsletter**

Lions

Welcome to another year of fun, frivolity and fund raising events.

I thank our past President Hugh, the board and all the members for a job well done in 2014/15 with donations of \$21,640 for 42 Organisations and \$6,703 direct contributions to Red Cross and Red Shield Appeal.

Treasurers, Kevin and Ralph have done a marvellous job with the accounts and the Club's finances continue to be in the "black".

We have enough flow over funds and a trailer for the Xmas Trailer Raffle. This needs to be filled with donated items. Please contact John Knox if you can source new items to fill the trailer.

The new board is looking forward to continuing with our major fund raising projects such as the Xmas Trailer Raffle, Melbourne Cup Trifecta, Autumn Fest and Seaside market barbecues. New projects are also welcomed.

My focus will be to promote the Minnamurra Lions Club. Promoting our club is paramount and will attract new members, new friendships and fellowships.

We must look like Lions so place your order for a new polo shirt and jacket via Dennis McColl. The cost is reasonable and you won't have to be told what to wear to the fund raising events and dinner meetings.

The change over dinner was very enjoyable and thanks go to Hugh, Dennis and all those involved to make this a special and memorable night. Many awards were given out and as "Joker of the Year" you will all have to be patient in my transformation from the "Joker" to the "Serious President".

The DG (District Governor) will be attending our meeting on Tuesday, 28 July.

I propose to have "Xmas in July" dinner at Kiama Golf Club so wear your Xmas hats. Some of you may decide to come as Santa, bearing gifts and potbellies. Looking forward to big turnout and a fun night.

If you can't make it to the dinner meetings please remember to send your apology to Howard (42375909) or Kari (harju@westnet.com.au).

We now have over 40 members so please assist Howard and the Kiama Golf Club with the catering and seating arrangements.

Too many meals cost extra and not enough causes anxiety, hunger and cranky Lions, which is not much fun!

Cheers from Ross.





SECRETARY'S PAGE

Minnamurra Lions Calendar of Events

July 2015

- 22 Civic reception for DG Sally Wilton at Shoalhaven City Council 4pm
- 28 Dinner meeting golf club – DG visit – Xmas in July ladies night – Meet with Board 6pm

August 2015

- 11 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
- Dinner Meeting golf club
- 25 Dinner Meeting golf club

September 2015

- 8 Board meeting golf club 5pm
- Dinner meeting golf club
- 22 Dinner Meeting golf club

October 2015

- 13 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
- Dinner Meeting golf club and AGM – no guest speaker
- 16-18 District Convention at Wollongong
- 27 Dinner Meeting golf club

November 2015

- 2 Figtree Lions Calcutta
- 3 Melbourne Cup
- 10 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
- Dinner Meeting golf club
- 24 Dinner Meeting golf club

December 2015

- 8 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
- Dinner Meeting golf club
- 20 Seaside Markets Barbeque and Trailer Raffle Draw
- 22 Dinner Meeting golf club

January 2016

- 12 Social Meeting
- 26 Dinner Meeting golf club – transfer to another date ???

February 2016

- 9 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
- Dinner Meeting golf club
- 23 Dinner Meeting golf club
- March 2016
- 8 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
- Dinner Meeting golf club

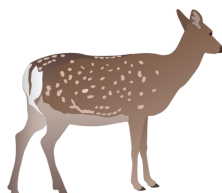


CONGRATULATIONS



Roger and Jill have just become grandparents for the umpteenth time . ★

Best wishes to the whole family



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Lions Care: MD201 National Category C project 2015-16

Dear Lion,

Following the success of the Lions *beyondblue* 'Joining Hands' project Lions clubs around Australia are again being encouraged to come together under a National Category C project to tackle social isolation, depression, and anxiety.

'Lions Care' is an innovative project that offers three ways for Clubs to show they care:

- *By being a beyondblue bridge builder:* Simply reach out to isolated community members and invite them to join in club life. Of course, suitable individuals can also be invited to join your club.
- *By being a Black Dog Ride ambassador:* BDR was founded by Lion Steve Andrews to raise awareness of depression and suicide prevention. Since the inaugural BDR in 2009, hundreds of clubs have supported this cause by providing meals for riders and in many cases making donations. You can help by again welcoming and feeding hungry riders or, if a ride isn't coming to your town, host a BDR speaker at a community meeting.
- *By being a Lions' Great Mate:* The Lions Care project recognises that many clubs have successful long-term initiatives in place that impact positively on suicide prevention, mental illness and depression. Clubs are encouraged to build on this mateship by developing new local projects that address mental health.

The project will run from 1st July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and this year participating clubs can compete for **three Melvin Jones 'Lions Cares' awards**. The award winners— one for each of the three program categories- will be announced in the February 2016 Lions Magazine.

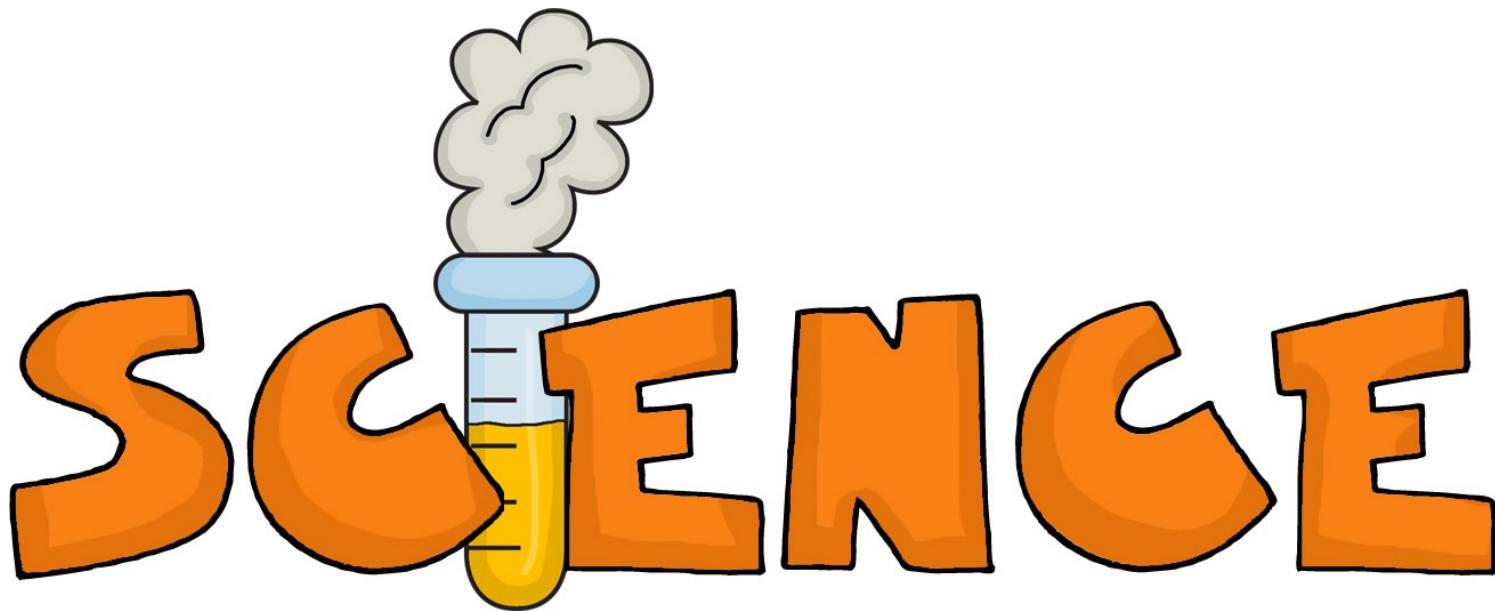
For more information about getting involved and about entering the Lions Care Awards please go to the Lions Australia website at: www.lionsclubs.org.au/activities/health/lionscare Alternatively, email pr@lions.org.au or phone 02 49408033

Lions Care is a terrific opportunity for clubs to reach out to new members while raising awareness of the work of Lions nationally. We do hope you will join us in this worthwhile project.

Kind regards,

Phillip Johnson
Council Chair 2015-16





Nowra Lions have organised a visit to the Wollongong Science and Planetarium Centre on Monday 27th July at 10:00 a.m. and members of Minnamurra Lions are cordially invited. Rae Doak's letter to us is printed below and details are there for you to see for yourself.

University of Wollongong SCIENCE & PLANETARIUM CENTRE GUIDED TOUR - \$15.00

Parking is available in front of the Innovation Campus. We will all meet in the Foyer.

Monday July 27th starting at 10am.

Cost: \$15, which includes morning tea, if more than 15 people book. With less than 15, we don't get the morning tea.

This tour takes in both the Science centre then the Science Show with a bonus experiment. The whole experience will last for two hours in which time, we will have built up an appetite for lunch.

Lunch will be at the Master Builders Club for their Seniors Special Buffet which promises lots of variety.

Train departs Bomaderry at 8:17 and arrives at Wollongong at 9:35, after a change at Kiama. From Wollongong the Free Shuttle Bus will take us right to our destination. Alternately, if you go by car, the Science Centre is located on Squires Way, North Wollongong, at the Innovation Campus.

BOOK with Rae, rae.doak@bigpond.com, 42343448, 0400477015

BOOKINGS CLOSE Thursday 16 July



Gentlemen,

Read all about it! Read all about it! Greece insolvent, Minnamurra Lions financially buoyant!

All of which brings to mind that old adage "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts". Perhaps it could be re-written for modern times to read "Beware of Tsipras's promising gifts".

Is it not somewhat amusing that the birthplace of Democracy is being torn apart by its own democratic process of electing populist governments? C'est la vie!

Kev

Treasurer's Report

Admin Account

Balance @ 30/06/15

\$2813.29

(a few cheques requiring authorisation)

Activities Account

Balance @ 30/06/15

\$5822.84

A couple of further comments from our esteemed treasurer: "The admin account shows a (small) trading deficit for the year of \$216.95 which after receipt of outstanding subs will reduce to \$27.99. Notwithstanding that the current exchange rate will be to our disadvantage, your treasurer and his ~~unruly~~ wily assistant recommend to the Board that member subs be retained at their current level of \$45/member for the next six months."

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! As you will have noticed, Noel likes to send out accurate records?

See our new President's exhortation about letting Howard know of your eating intentions on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month!

Autumnfest Summary, 09 June 2015.

With **ALL** monies now received and banked and **ALL** expenses paid, the following table summarises the financials for Autumnfests 2014 and 2015.

Noteworthy is the reduced takings from drinks, rides and ice creams but increased revenue from donations and stall fees.

<u>Item</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations ex G'gong Lions		\$ 537
Donations Received - other	\$ 975	\$1,036
Drinks	\$1,380	\$ 892
Ice Creams	\$ 930	n/a
MS Society	\$1,004	n/a
Pet Show	n/a	\$ 73
Rides	\$1,400	\$1,120
Stalls	\$1,940	\$3,220
Total Receipts	\$7,628	\$6,878
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Drinks, Sweets	\$ 469	\$ 439
Ice Creams	\$ 475	n/a
Equipment Hire	\$ 150	\$1,000
Printing	\$1,819	\$1,000
Signage	\$ 110	\$ 248
Traffic Management	\$ 239	\$ 188
Total Expenditure	\$3,261	\$2,875
Profit	\$4,367	\$4,003

Aren't we lucky to have inherited Ken M. from his previous Lions Club. Someone in our club had a flash of genius and decided not to call for references—otherwise??

Here's some of the return for our efforts!



**MINNAMURRA LIONS CLUB PRESENTS CAREFLIGHT
WITH \$4,000 CHEQUE**

Driver Reviver Report

Thank you to those who were rostered on over the two days.
A few minor problems with the loss of town water to the whole rest area and
hence the caravan and the Drinks Fridge in the Caravan not working, but we
survived.

A couple of quiet days as expected.

Friday: Donations \$89.20 and Sales \$111.10

Saturday: Donations \$70.45 and Sales \$63.30

Remember, donations come direct to us, sales are less costs.

As always, a big thank you to Denis B. for his efforts in organising the work.

Continuing the series on our local history which has been researched by John Knox. This month we read about the impact of the first settlers in our area who predated Europeans by some twenty thousand years. The subject is timely given the current discussions on proposed changes to our Constitution.

Thanks for your efforts, John.

Kiama: the early days and native Koori people.

Wadi Wadi people are part of the Dharawal (Thuruwal) which extends from the southern side of Botany Bay to the Jervis Bay area. They have lived in the Illawarra region a long time with evidence that they have lived around Bass point for at least 17,000 years (See Koori Walk at Bass Point). Captain Cook noted in his log that he saw camp fires at what is now known as Bass Point on 25 April 1770. Bass and Flinders made contact with Aboriginal people near Red Point (named by Cook) near today's Port Kembla on their coastal voyage in a longboat in March 1796. They also noted coal seams at Coalcliff and were the first Europeans to discover Kiama's Blowhole.

A midden at Windang Island has been dated at 7,000 years old. Other midden sites are located at Bass Pt, Minnamurra River, Minnamurra Point, Gerroa and Gerringong whilst an engraving site has been found at Foxground and there is also a stone arrangement at Jamberoo. Quarry sites (tool-making sites) are located at Killalea, Shellharbour, Knights Hill and Saddleback Mountain.

The Wadi Wadi people lived well along this coastline. The beaches and rock pools provided fish and crustaceans (crabs, mussels, conks, periwinkles etc.), as did the coastal lakes and rivers. Shellfish, prawns, oysters and fish were a big part of their diet. A cut in the rock shelf at Bass Point made a natural fish trap while Killalea Lagoon added ducks, eels, turtles, mullet and yabbies to the diet. The large range of vegetation from coastal heath, rainforest, woodlands provided such bush foods as nuts, berries and other fruits as well as medicines from tea tree, paperbark and cassuarina nuts. Timber was used to make spears, coolamon dishes, shields, clubs (nulla nulla), axe handles and clap sticks whilst the tree resins were also used in many ways. Dead timber provided firewood. Leaves from the lomandra plant were used to make baskets, jewellery, fish traps, dilly bags, rope etc.

Many animals such as wallabies, wombats, snakes, goannas, birds, lizards, possums and emus were hunted for food.

Trade with other tribes was common. Marine foods, stone tools and medicines were traded with groups living above the escarpment for essential items like possum skins. Trade routes up Macquarie Pass and Jamberoo Mountain were used seasonally. Regular trade trips to Kangaroo Valley were taken by coastal Kooris. Many people are thought to have made pilgrimages to the Snowy Mountains to feed on bogong moths.

Around our region many Aboriginal (Koori) place names are used.

Minnamurra: 'sheltered campsite with lots of fish'

Kiama (Kiarama or Kiar-mai) 'where the sea makes noise '

Gerringong (originally 'Jerringong'): 'fearful noise on a beach'

Jamberoo: 'meeting place or main track.'

Toolijoola: 'place of emus', Bong Bong: 'a big swamp', Kembla (Djembla) 'wallaby',

Bombo (Thumbon) indicates a head man, Attunga: 'high place', Warrigal: 'wild dog' and Tongala is from the word for cabbage tree palms.

The arrival of Europeans, saw cedar cutters, farmers and later quarrymen working the district displacing many of the Koori people. Many cedar cutters and explorers followed the tracks in the bush made by native people. As the different races came into contact, skirmishes and European diseases like influenza, measles and chicken pox decimated the Wadi Wadi people. Gradually, many remaining Koori moved to the communities around Jervis Bay and Wreck Bay.

King Mickey Johnson (1834-1906) was one of the more notable Kooris in the district. He worked at Albion Park on a property owned by E. Weston for about 10 years. When he married his wife Rosie, they moved to Kangaroo Valley and stayed until 1881. Later, they settled in Windang where the local MLA, Archie Campbell, proclaimed him King of the Illawarra Tribe. Mickey and Rosie then moved to Minnamurra with their five children and lived near what is now Minnamurra Bridge. Mickey died in 1906 aged 72 years. He is buried in Kiama Graveyard. Rosie lived on at Minnamurra in a cabin on the Federal Quarry site at Minnamurra for many years but ended her days at Currabean Creek, near Huskisson.

King Mickey's story can be read at the southbound rest area Kiama, alongside Minnamurra River (Lions' Driver Reviver site)



Guerard, Eugen von, 1811-1901. Lake Illawarra, N.S.W.



Ladies' Walking Group

Marie invited us to have morning tea and do a bush walk to see rock carvings at her daughter's place at Jamberoo but what we didn't expect was wild rainy weather, slippery walking tracks, steep slopes and leaches.

Nine ladies took this adventure in their stride, we weren't spring chickens even though our age ranged from 62 to 73 years old and not one of us wanted to withdraw from a day out. We were well rewarded after about a 20 minute walk on a slippery track but well maintained and when we arrive to a river we saw three carvings covered in moss. We were very privileged to see these carvings as they are on private property. After leaving we were inundated with leaches around our ankles.

Arriving back to shelter all drenched and checking if we had removed all the leaches, not one word of complaint was said.

We had lunch at the Milk and Honey restaurant still soaking but happy to relate our tales with each other.

Thank you Marie for your hospitality with a warm cuppa, your daughter's generosity, and an adventure that will dwell in our memories for a long time to come.



The Back Page

One day a biker dies and finds himself in hell. As he is wallowing in despair, he has his first meeting with the devil...

Satan: "Why so glum?"

Biker: "Why do you think? I'm in hell!"

Satan: "Hell's not so bad. We actually have a lot of fun down here. You a drinking man?"

Biker: "Sure, I love to drink."

Satan: "Well, you're going love Mondays then. On Mondays, that's all we do is drink. Whiskey, tequila, Guinness, wine coolers, Coke Zero, and Fresca. We drink 'til we throw up and then we drink some more! And you don't have to worry about getting a hangover, because you're dead anyway."

Biker: "Gee that sounds great!"

Satan: "You a smoker?"

Biker: "You better believe it."

Satan: "All right! You're going love Tuesdays. We get the finest cigars from all over the world, and smoke our lungs out. If you get cancer, no biggie, you're already dead, remember?"

Biker: "Wow...that's awesome!"

Satan: "I bet you like to gamble."

Biker: "Why, yes, as a matter of fact I do."

Satan: "Good, 'cause Wednesdays you can gamble all you want. Craps, blackjack, roulette, poker, slots, whatever. If you go bankrupt, it doesn't matter, you're dead anyhow."

Biker: "Cool!"

Satan: "What about Drugs?"

Biker: "Are you kidding? Love drugs! You don't mean...?"

Satan: "That's right! Thursday is drug day.. Help yourself to a great big bowl of crack or smack. Smoke a doobie the size of a submarine. You can do all the drugs you want. You're dead so who cares."

Biker: "Wow! I never realized Hell was such a cool place!"

Satan: "You gay?"

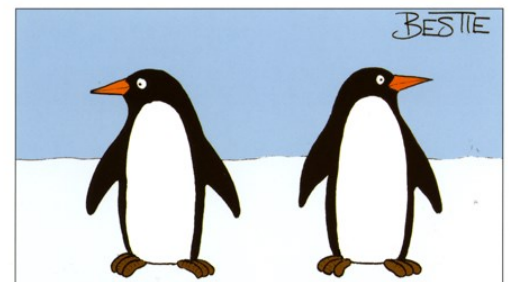
Biker: "No...."

Satan: "Ooooh, Fridays are going be tough"

A funeral service was being held for a woman who had just passed away. At the end of the service the pallbearers were carrying the casket out when they accidentally bumped into a wall, jarring the casket. They heard a faint moan and opened the casket to find that the woman was actually alive!

She lived for ten more years, and then finally died.

A ceremony was again held at the same place, and at the end of the ceremony the pallbearers were carrying out the casket. As they were walking towards the grave site, the husband cried out, "Watch the wall!"



IT'S OFTEN DIFFICULT TO TELL
A MALE FROM A FEMALE...



...UNTIL THEY GO ON HOLIDAY!

