

# Lions Club of Minnamurra

## Fishy Tales



Lions

**Our Club got the "BIG TICK ' from our District Governor, Sally Wilton.**

Xmas in July dinner was a great success. Sally and Stan together with the Zone Chairman, James and Rae Doak were impressed by the friendship, support and generosity of our club members.

I would like to thank all the members, partners and guest who attended to make the night a memorable one.

The dining room looked superb thanks to our host, Kiama Golf Club, providing Xmas decorations and lion tamer Geoff who hung all the banners.

Howard, our numbers man with the help of Nesbit, the one who counts, made sure that no reindeer, Santa helpers or an elf was left out in the cold. A music production by Brian, the Xmas dinner provided by our host and everyone wearing their Xmas regalia, the "Atmosphere was Created".

Dennis the reindeer rubbed antlers and told stories about Sally while Santa helpers, Robyn and Penny sold tickets. Xmas gifts were given to those who were lucky and the unlucky ones were consoled with an abundance of fine food, wine and fellowship.

By the end of the night, John the greeter had entertained our guests, Ralph and Cheryl had balanced the books, Roger had introduced our newest member, Martin, to the herd and with the initiation ceremony over, Santa was happy, Santa's favourite helper was happy, DG Sally was very happy, so much so, that a photo appeared in the local paper.

**August 2015  
Newsletter**

Santa wanted to carry on with Xmas jokes but was directed by all his helpers to sing the "National Anthem" and call an end to the festivities.

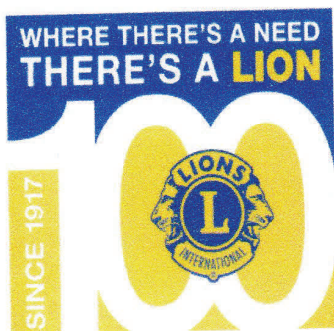
Now it's August, cold and still hard to get out of bed but with the spring and warmer weather approaching, your time and efforts will be required for our major fund raising events.

Thoughts go out to Ted and Kevin who are still willing but not as able, so please keep in touch and offer assistance when and where required.

In closing, new polo shirts and jackets will be available for purchase at the next dinner meeting and if you can't make it send your apology to Howard (42375909) or Kari (karju@westnet.com.au) .

Cheers from Ross





LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL  
**DISTRICT 201N2 - AUSTRALIA**  
District Governor Sally Wilton 2015-2016

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The President,  
Ross Thompson,  
Minnamurra Lions Club,  
P.O. Box 3033  
MINNAMURRA. NSW 2533

30<sup>th</sup> July, 2015

Dear Ross,

Thank you very much for the wonderful Christmas in July Dinner Meeting held in my honour on the 28th July, 2015. It was great start to my year as District Governor for this Lions District of 201N2.

I am very proud to represent the Shoalhaven and Nowra during this year, and I was very privileged to meet so many of my fellow Lions at this Dinner, as well as their hard working supportive partners and talking to you and these Members of Lions during the evening. I was thrilled and proud to have asked to induct your newest Member, and am sure he will prove to be a supportive and productive Member for your Team during this year as well. Your Members, who also assist this wonderful part of the Illawarra, are to be congratulated. My observations at both the Board and Dinner Meeting showed that Minnamurra is doing a fantastic job of supporting its Community, as well as the great Leadership you have accepted for this year. I thank you for this. It made it all very special for me, and I hope I do justice to the District, during this year, for both the Lions, and the Community of which I represent.

Please convey my thanks to all the Members who made the Christmas in July Dinner Meeting possible, Both Stan and I had a great time.

Thank you again for a wonderful start to my year, which I plan to make as productive for the Community in which I live, and also to assist this Lions District to move forward and grow for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Wilton

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 201N2

*"Achieving Our Dreams Together"*

Editor's note: I received this from our slightly twisted president and that is why the page is slightly askew.

Roy



## SECRETARY'S PAGE

### Minnamurra Lions Calendar of Events

#### August 2015

- 25 Dinner Meeting golf club— Mark Yates, Kiama GC Greenkeeper

#### September 2015

- 8 Board meeting golf club 5pm  
Dinner meeting golf club
- 22 Dinner Meeting golf club
- Our President has a 'Mad Hatter's Party' in mind for one of the September meetings. Howard is to be the Dormouse!

#### 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—Prof. Kathryn Brown (Macquarie Uni) - Alzheimer's—ladies invited

#### November 2015

- 2 Figtree Lions Calcutta
- 3 Melbourne Cup
- 10 Board Meeting at golf club 5pm  
Dinner Meeting golf club—Youth of the Year
- 24 Dinner Meeting golf club

#### December 2015

- 7 Zone meeting
- 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

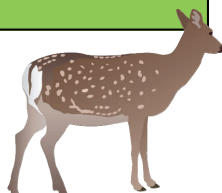
- 9 Board Meeting golf club 5pm  
Dinner Meeting golf club
- 23 Dinner Meeting golf club

#### March 2016

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

#### April 2016

- 12 Board meeting at golf club  
Dinner meeting golf club
- 25 Dawn Service and march
- 26 Dinner meeting golf club



## **From the most recent Board Meeting**

1. Donated \$40 to Kiama High School year 12 award
2. Received \$198.71 from Kiama Lions for our recent Driver Reviver service
3. Supporting Lions Australia voluntary donations to a total of \$305.
4. Our AGM date has been set at 13th October 2015
5. Due to no suitable date available for AutumnFest16 no event until 2017
6. New club shirts to be presented to those who have ordered at next meeting. New members receive their initial shirt without cost.
7. Xmas trailer raffle - up to 10% of profits may be used for administration.
8. Board seeking to hold more barbeques at various locations
9. Alternate fundraising suggestions to make up for AutumnFest.
10. Lions Lady's badges - engraved metal brooches to be ordered at cost to members of \$12 each Orders should be placed to the Secretary by end of September.

### **Last Sunday's BBQ**

Kevin reports that net profit last Sunday were \$1,593.26 with plenty of stock in unsold drinks carried over.

Many thanks to all who sweated for the cause—even our secretary who managed to crack an egg over the drain on the barbie, spent time wondering where the egg had gone and was unconcerned at the consequent loss of profit.



Following the Science Centre visit last month, we are again invited by Nowra Lions to join them on another outing, this time to the Motorlife Museum. The e-mail from Rae Doaks is shown below.

Have a think about it but make a decision before the Christmas Rush as the trip is in October!

Hi folks,

You are invited to join Nowra Lions in our social outing to the Motor Life Museum. Attached is the information to wet your appetite.

Date; 6th October

Time; 10am

Address; Darkes Rd, Kembla Grange 2530. We will need to travel there by car.

Take Northcliffe Drive exit from F6 freeway and follow the blue directional signs to the Museum.

Phone 0408211844

Cost; \$12 seniors. Morning tea is available

The Motor Life Museum, provides and insight into the history of motoring including vehicles and memorabilia. It is not just a man's thing - there are plenty for ladies to see and enjoy. We all like to think of the old days and reminisce.

After our experience there, we'll then head down to the Gerroa 'Fisho's' for lunch.

### Mission

To become a major regional tourist attraction and the recognised centre of excellence in NSW for the collection, preservation, research, interpretation and demonstration of motor vehicles and the many other aspects of our motoring heritage.

### Member of

- Museums Australia
- Australasian Motor Museums Association (Foundation Member)
- Council of Heritage Motor Clubs NSW
- Council of Motor Clubs
- Tourism Wollongong
- Tourism Shellharbour

Australian MOTORLIFE Museum is a Registered Charity & gifts of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



### Museum Entry Fees

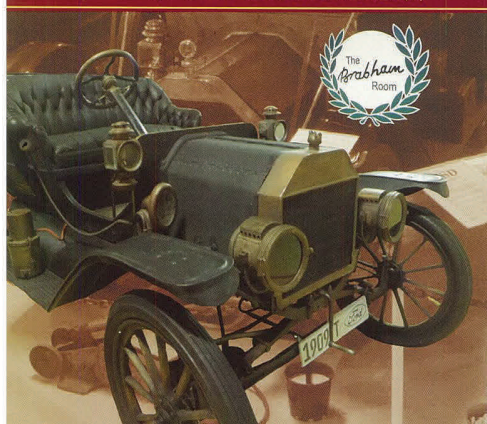
Entry	\$15.00
Concession	\$12.00
NRMA Members	\$10.00
Children (6-16)	\$5.00
Larger Groups	Please Ask

Prices are subject to change without notice.

### AUSTRALIAN MOTORLIFE MUSEUM OPEN 6 DAYS 9.30 to 4.30

(Closed Mondays, Australia Day, Good Friday,  
ANZAC Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day,  
New Years Eve, New Years Day)

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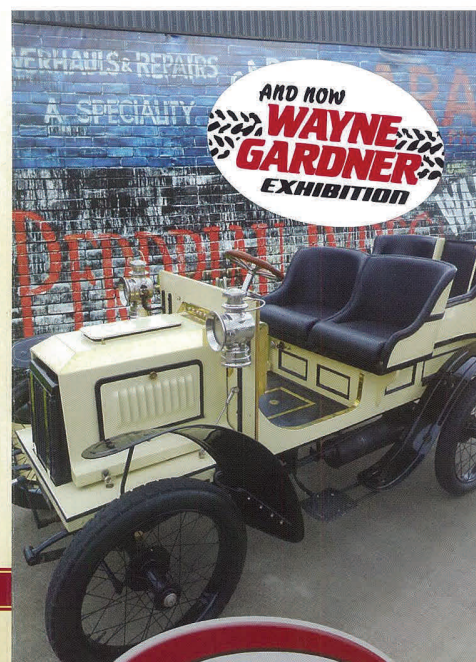
- Light refreshments
- Groups anytime, including Mondays
- Gift shop full of unusual ideas
- Function & meeting room for hire
- Ample parking

Integral Energy Recreation Park  
Darkes Rd, Kembla Grange, 2530

Take Northcliffe Drive exit from F6 Freeway and follow the blue directional signs to the Museum.

WEBSITE [www.motorlifemuseum.com.au](http://www.motorlifemuseum.com.au)  
PHONE 0408 211 844  
MUSEUM 02 4261 4100  
EMAIL [motorlife1@bigpond.com.au](mailto:motorlife1@bigpond.com.au)

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# **Treasurer's Report**

## **Admin Account**

**Balance @ 30/06/15**

**\$2033.28**

## **Activities Account**

**Balance @ 30/06/15**

**\$4840.80**

## **Organisational Change!**

**Dennis Mc is now the man to inform of changes to address, telephone, e-mail etc.**

**He will not tolerate any mistakes.**

**U hav bean wormed!!**

**Let Howard know if you cannot attend a meeting so that we are as accurate as possible with dinner orders.**

**Contact Howard on 42375909 or contact Kari by email [harju@westnet.com.au](mailto:harju@westnet.com.au)**

Another in John Knox's the series on our local history. This month we read about the early times of Kiama.

Well done, John

### **KIAMA in years gone by**

The name of our town comes from the Aboriginal words Kiarama or Kiarmai meaning 'where sea makes a noise'. Bass and Flinders in their whale boat, Tom Thumb, make note of the Kiama Blowhole in their 1792 journey referring to the "tremendous noise" from this blowhole. Cedar cutters were the first to work in the district. By 1820, 90% of cedar in Sydney was shipped from Kiama. James Meehan and John Oxley were the first to explore and survey the area in 1819. David Smith, a sawyer, is the first person recognised to have built a home in Kiama in 1821. Smith also built and operated Gumtree Tavern in 1837. By 1830 the government had sent a detachment of troops from Wollongong to control the cedar cutters around Kiama. A town survey was done in the 1830's and Kiama was gazetted as a town in 1839. A street plan was done by a surveyor named Burnett.

Kiama was a busy port sending out timber and farm produce. Mooring chains were installed at either end of Black Beach to assist shipping. A jetty was built in 1849 and extended in 1852 to facilitate steamers.

Kiama had a post office in 1841 with George Hindmarsh as the post master. By 1848 Kiama had a twice weekly mail service taken by horse, from Dapto, Wollongong, Appin, Campbelltown and Sydney.

Although many coastal traders served Kiama, the one most noted was a paddle steamer aptly called Kiama. Kiama (the vessel) was owned by Kiama Steamship Navigation Company and was 104 tons. Capt. Charles (see later writings) brought the ship out from Glasgow in 114 days arriving in Kiama on April 3 1855. This vessel served the ports of Kiama, Gerringong and Shellharbour, taking freight and passengers to and from Sydney. Kiama did the Sydney trip twice weekly.

By 1851, Kiama had a population of 199 persons. Some were soon lost to the gold rushes at Ophir and Hill End etc. A public school was built by the community at Black Beach in 1861. A police station and courthouse built of stone by 1860 are still in use today. Kiama's first newspaper was The Examiner first published in 1858. Kiama Independent newspaper was started in 1863 by the Weston family.

The first blue metal quarry commenced at the Leisure Centre and Sportsground site in 1855. Horse and dray were used to cart blue metal to the harbour. Between 1871 and 1876 the inner harbour at Robertson Basin was constructed. This new harbour made loading the gravel ships much easier.

The expansion of Sydney's trams, railways and road building created a huge demand for blue metal. By 1880 two new quarries opened at Bombo in addition to the Kiama quarries. By 1883, the Stone Fleet of boats were transporting 400 tonnes of blue metal every day to Sydney and frequently up to six vessels were waiting to be loaded with gravel. A tramway was built to haul gravel to the harbour loading facility and was used up until 1961.

The railway came to North Kiama in 1887 and to Kiama in 1893. This meant a quicker link to Sydney for both passengers and dairy produce. Some gravel was taken by rail but most was still taken by coastal traders.

Scots Church (Presbyterian ) was started by David Smith (a local hotel owner) in his own home before he built a timber church in 1843. A new Scots Church was built of stone and completed in 1863. In 1907, Fuller an M.L.A. donated a pipe organ for this church. Fuller lived at Dunmore House, Minnamurra.

Kiama had its first bank in 1874 which became Bank of NSW and more recently Westpac. Other significant buildings in town were CBC Bank, Kiama Post Office, hotels like The Grand and Tory's. Many wooden shops built in Terralong Street were lost in a fire that burnt out much of the main street.

The Masonic Temple was built by Temperance Society in 1876. A men's swimming pool was built into the rocks at Blowhole Point in 1888. Kiama has some splendid beaches for residents and tourists alike.

Surf Beach was originally called Priests Beach in memory of two priests who were drowned there. Bombo Beach was originally called Porter Garden Beach. Horse races were conducted there on Boxing Day each year until 1860. Horse racing was then done at Seven Mile Beach for a few years then at Monkeys Flat near today's Minnamurra Station. The first turf club meeting was held there in 1877 on New Year's Day. Kendall's Beach was named after Thomas Kendall son of the famous poet who lived in Kendall House (near Kiama High School). Kendall Beach was a firing range when soldiers were training for service in WW1. Kiama Showground is the site of their camp.

Kiama Hospital was originally conducted in a house called "Hothersall" located on the corner of Irvine and Barney Streets. It was opened in 1887 with a Dr Tarrant in charge. Later it was moved to the old Kendall home-stead called "Barroul" in Bonaira St. New wings were added and the foundation stone indicates it started in 1929.

Farmers in the Kiama Shire have been very active over the years. Farmers lobbied to get a better deal on shipping and some organised their own ships. It was local farmers who pushed for a better harbour for Kiama and to ensure that the railway got to Kiama. They also organised butter and milk factories and in 1890 formed the Dairy Farmers Co-operative. In 1885, a Kiama Farmers Union was formed to promote the interests of farmers producing butter, cheese and bacon in order to protect the Sydney market from dumping from the other colonies (finger pointing at Victoria).

At the 1862 census, the religious numbers of Kiama citizens were:-

C. of England 2139, R. Catholics 1405, Presbyterians 922 and Methodists 855

Just over 5,000 people lived and worked in the Kiama area in 1862, a big increase from the 199 in 1851





**Harbour Construction**



**Tramway on Terralong Street**



**B. Divers arrives in Australia**



**Harbour soon after construction**



# The Back Page

the one you read first

A minister and a lawyer were chatting at a party.

"What do you do if you make a mistake on a case?" the minister asked.

"Try to fix it if it's big; ignore it if it's insignificant," replied the lawyer. "What do you do?"

The minister replied, "Oh, more or less the same thing. For example, the other day I meant to say 'the devil is the father of liars' but, by mistake, I said 'the devil is the father of lawyers', so I let it go!"

A judge asks a defendant to please stand. "You are charged with murdering a garbage man with a chain-saw."

From the back of the court a man shouts, "You lying b\*\*\*\*\*d."

"Silence in my courtroom." The judge turns to the defendant again and says, "You are charged with killing a postie with a shovel."

"You swine." shouts the spectator.

"Quiet!" yelled the judge. "You are also charged with killing a Jehovah's Witness with an electric drill."

"You cheap son of a ...." the spectator starts to shout.

The judge thunders back, "I will hold you in contempt. What is the reason for your outbursts?"

"I've lived next to that lying b\*\*\*\*\*d for ten years now, but do you think he ever had a tool when I wanted to borrow one?"

A husband and wife are trying to set up a new password for their computer. The husband puts, "Mypenis," and the wife falls on the ground laughing because on the screen it says, "Error. Not long enough."

Politicians and nappies have one thing in common: they should both be changed regularly... and for the same reason.

## 10 Facts About You:

1. You're reading this now.
2. You're realizing that this is a stupid fact.
4. You didn't notice I skipped number 3.
5. You're checking now.
6. You're smiling.
7. You're still reading this even though it is stupid.
9. You didn't realize I skipped number 8.
10. You're checking again and smiling because you fell for it again.
11. You're enjoying this.
12. You didn't realize I said 10 facts not 12.

Ba\*\*\*rd!!

