

Lions Club of Minnamurra

Fishy Tales



Lions,

Next dinner meeting has the theme –

“The Mad Hatters Dinner Party”.

Wear a hat or be fined by our Tail Twister, Peter Murphy.

No guest speaker has been organised therefore those willing may tell us about the “Hat they Don”.

True or tall stories and those who wish to just lie should keep us well entertained.

The winner with the most believable and entertaining story will receive a token of appreciation from your serious president

Many activities are coming up and in the pipeline. This will give many members the opportunity to wear in their new Lions polo top.

The Kiama Classic Family Ride is on this Saturday. Roy Milroy has organised a party of “Sausage Sizzlers” from his trusty volunteers. The organisers have encouraged all energetic lions to enter.

As stated, “more classic riders especially those wearing lycra will provide a much needed boost in the promotion of the event”.

The Xmas Trailer Raffle and Melbourne Cup Trifecta are currently being organised by the XTR committee (John Knox, Noel Dick, Brian Cox and Ken Horspool) and a MCT committee of one (David Barlow). Large new items are still required to fill the trailer so please get in touch with a committee member if you can help. David will be looking for eager volunteers to sell 2024 trifecta tickets.

Dennis McColl will be creating a work roster for both events once the venues have been finalised.

Our club will be on duty for the October long weekend driv-



How mad can you get?

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er reviver. Please contact Denis Beynon if you wish to get a taste for latest in caravan designs and mobile retail outlets.

We will also be involved late October with the setting and packing up for Kiama Relay for Life.

Martin Grove who has been involved with the RFL will bring us up to date at the next dinner meeting.

Thoughts go to Howard Smith now in Wollongong Hospital. He is in the acute care section after a major operation. All our members wish Howard “All the best and a speedy recovery”. Our best wishes are also directed to Colin Blanchard’s wife, Helen, who was recently hospitalised. We trust that she is now on the mend.

Dennis McColl will be the ‘Numbers Officer’ in Howards absence.

Please email Dennis – dennishelen@iprimus.com.au if you can’t attend a dinner meetings.

Cheers

Ross



SECRETARY'S PAGE

Minnamurra Lions Calendar of Events

August 2015

September 2015

- 19 Saturday – Kiama Classic Family Fun Bike Ride BBQ 9am -12md
- 22 Dinner Meeting golf club – Mad Hatters Night
- 23 Shellharbour Lions – Roo Theatre fundraiser – Streetcar named Desire \$35 head
- 24 Kiama Lions – Civic reception for DG Sally Wilton – Kiama Council 4.30pm

October 2015

- 2,3,4 Driver Reviver
- 10 Blue Haven Fete – advertising material delivery and equipment transport
- 13 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
Dinner Meeting golf club and **AGM – no guest speaker**
- 16-18 District Convention at Wollongong – Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow
- 27 Dinner Meeting golf club – Professor Kathryn Brown (Macquarie Uni) – Alzheimer's – ladies invited
- 30,31 Melbourne Cup Mystery Boxed Trifecta Sales

November 2015

- 1,2 Melbourne Cup Mystery Boxed Trifecta Sales
- 2 Figtree Lions Calcutta
- 3 Melbourne Cup
- 10 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
Dinner Meeting golf club – Youth of the Year
- 24 Dinner Meeting golf club – Guest Speaker

December 2015

- 7 Zone meeting
- 8 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
Dinner Meeting golf club – Christmas Party or Social Event
- 20 Seaside Markets Barbeque and Trailer Raffle Draw

- 22 Dinner Meeting golf club

January 2016

- 2 Saturday – backup for BBQ at Masters store
- 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
- 27 Sunday – Masters store BBQ

April 2016

- Nowra Lions Art Auction
- 12 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
Dinner Meeting golf club
- 25 ANZAC Centenary Dawn Service and March
- 26 Dinner Meeting golf club

May 2016

- 10 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
Dinner Meeting golf club



From the most recent Board Meeting

1. Club equipment register will be reviewed and maintained by Geoff Shoard
2. Work roster for Melbourne Cup trifecta, Trailer Raffle and Driver Reviver to be co-ordinated by Denis McColl
3. Next AutumnFest on 26th March 2017
4. Our AGM date has been set at 13th October 2015
5. 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.

Don't forget :

Bike Ride BBQ on 19th Sept (four Lions to operate)

Driver Reviver is coming up over the long weekend

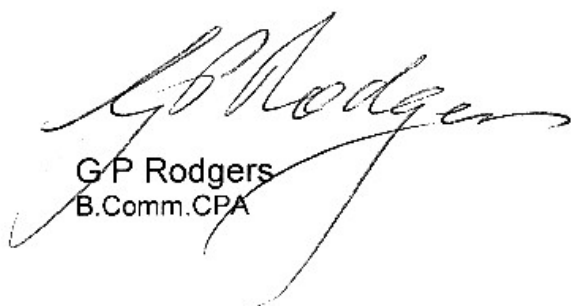
30 July 2015

LIONS CLUB OF MINNAMURRA INCORPORATED

AUDIT REPORT

I have examined the books and records of the **LIONS CLUB OF MINNAMURRA INCORPORATED** in regard to the above Bank Accounts and hereby state that the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2015 and the Balance Sheet herewith as at that date are in accordance therewith.

A separate report has not been furnished by me.



G.P. Rodgers
B.Comm.CPA

Treasurer's Report

Admin Account

Balance @ 31/08/15	\$1943.07
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Activities Account

Balance @ 31/08/15	\$6327.72
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Organisational Change!

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

He will not tolerate any mistakes.

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For the time being, Dennis McColl is standing in for Howard. Please let him know if you cannot attend a meeting or if you are bringing a guest so that we are as accurate as possible with dinner orders as a courtesy to our Golf Club hosts.

Dennis can be contacted on den-nishelen@iprimus.com.au or by telephone on 42377047

This month's contribution from John Knox is part of a series on shipwrecks and coastal shipping in our area.

Shipwrecks and Coastal Shipping

There have been many recorded shipwrecks along the NSW coast since European colonisation and their history has prompted this series of articles.

Shipwrecks along our coast have mostly been attributed to small coastal traders serving coastal ports like Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong, Broken Bay (Hawkesbury River), Port Stephens, Coffs Harbour, Ulladulla, Jervis Bay, Eden and vessels coming to grief on bars at the northern rivers like Manning, Richmond, Clarence and Tweed Rivers. Obviously, entering ports at night was more dangerous and vessels relying on sail power were less manageable in port navigation. Adverse weather is a main factor in shipwrecks. Some 2/3 of NSW shipwrecks have occurred in the colder months as winter and early spring have the greatest numbers of SW gales. Many wrecks are also attributed to elongated peninsulas like Bass Point or offshore islands such as Five Islands, Montague Is. etc. Some wrecks were reasonably blamed on poor navigation or drunken captains.



SS Rangoon sinking after removal of passengers and crew

Shipping disasters along the coast prompted the building of lighthouses and artificial harbours such as Kiama, Shellharbour and Wollongong which improved shipping safety. Many of the coastal locations had unprotected ocean facing jetties including Cathedral Rocks and Gerringong. Few of these jetties survive as most have been wrecked by storms or have been dismantled. Two of the few remaining jetties are the historic wharf at Tathra and the gravel loader at Bass Point.

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Coastal shipping was the main form of transport along the NSW coast throughout the 1800's until railways gradually took over. The South Coast was still served by coastal vessels later than most areas as the railway ended at Bomaderry. Road transport took over from boats around the time of World War 2.

Minnamurra Wrecks

Hawkesbury Packet, owned by Solomon Wiseman of Wiseman's Ferry, was the first known shipwreck at Minnamurra NSW. She was a coastal trader, a 21 ton wooden sloop, built in 1811 on the Hawkesbury River. On 14 August 1817, Hawkesbury Packet was heading to the Shoalhaven District to pick up a load of cedar timber when adverse weather saw her blown aground at Minnamurra. The vessel was totally wrecked.

Solomon Wiseman (b. 1777 d. 1838) was transported from Essex UK after being charged and convicted of stealing timber. He and his wife, Jane, and 2 kids were transported in the convict ship Alexander in Aug 1806. Later he was given "conditional liberty" and assigned to the care of his wife. By 1810, he was granted "ticket of leave" and in 1812 was pardoned for his crime. In 1811, he had the Hawkesbury Packet built. Business going well prompted a second coastal trader called Hope. Wiseman used these coastal traders to ship wheat, timber, fruit and veg. from Hawkesbury River district (Wisemans Ferry, MacDonald River, Sackville, Pitt-town etc) to Sydney. He also shipped coal from Newcastle and timber from the Shoalhaven River to Sydney. Both of his vessels were wrecked in 1817.

Wiseman purchased a new boat, "Mary Anne", in 1817 and did chartered work for the government. Also in 1817, he was granted 200 acres of Hawkesbury River land now known as Wisemans Ferry. In 1821, he opened an inn called "Sign of the Packet". This same year his wife Jane died. The government used convict gangs in 1826 to



construct the Great North Road linking Sydney to the Hunter Valley via Wisemans Ferry. Wiseman obtained a contract to supply provisions for this road project. He was also granted a licence to operate a ferry service at his location. This is the oldest ferry operation still used in Australia.

Wiseman married his second wife Sofia and built her an elaborate home called Cobhams Hall. This is now part of Wiseman's Inn Hotel.

Wiseman's great, great, great grand-

daughter Kate Grenville has written books loosely based on him which were made into the TV mini-series, "Secret River".

SS Rangoon was a wooden barque of 397 tons, length of 114 feet and was built in Britain in 1853. Rangoon was registered in Melbourne in 1867 to J. Smith as its owner.

Rangoon was on a voyage from Melbourne to Newcastle, when it was hit by a violent SE storm and thick haze around 3 am on morning of 22 March 1870. She was wedged on rocks on the eastern side of what is now called Rangoon Island (formerly Stack Is) at the mouth of Minnamurra River.

A certain Capt. Charles from Minnamurra raised the alarm and organised a boat from Illawarra Steam Navigation Company to facilitate the rescue of the crew. A dray bought the boat and it was slipped into the river. The rescue effort was assisted by Capt. Wilson who brought a boat from Shellharbour. All ten crew members of the Rangoon were rescued. Salvage attempts were futile as the Rangoon was wedged between two rocks. A violent storm a month later broke up the Rangoon. Some wreckage can still be viewed during extremely low tides. Rangoon's anchor can be viewed at Ocean Beach Hotel, Shellharbour. This site was owned by the same Capt. Wilson who assisted with the rescue. Planks from SS Rangoon were used on the McCabe family home at Shellharbour.

More details can be gained from Pilots Cottage museum at Kiama.



The History Page

The Goldberg Brothers - Inventors of the Automobile Air Conditioner

Here's a little fact for automotive buffs, or just to dazzle your friends. The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Max invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner.

On July 17, 1946 , the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees. The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately.

The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent.

The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed.

Now, Henry was more than just a little anti-Jewish, so there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords.

They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown.

And so to this day, all Ford air conditioners show Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max on the controls!

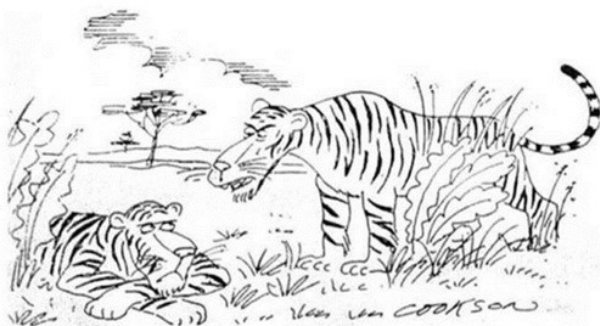


Thank you, David Barlow



The Back Page

the one you read first



'We're on the brink of extinction and you have a headache?'

Applicants who were rejected by the Surf Club!



A bloke walks into a brothel and says, I'm a bit kinky, how much for total humiliation?

The madam replies, \$300 for the lot.

He says, Wow! what do I get for that?

She says, A baggy green cap and a Wallabies T-Shirt.

A woman and a man are lying in bed next to each other when her phone rings. She picks up the phone and speaks in a cheery voice.

"Hi, I'm so glad you called, oh Really?. That's wonderful I'm so happy for you that sounds terrific Great!

Thanks Okay ByeEEEEEEEE".

She hangs up, and the man asks, "Who was that?". "That was my husband telling me about the great time he's having on his golf trip with you".

Did you hear about the guy in Paris who almost got away with stealing several paintings from the Louvre?

After planning the crime, getting in and out past security, he was captured only two blocks away when his Econoline ran out of gas.

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied: "Monsieur, I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh."

... and finally - a set of one-liners

"Last night me and my girlfriend watched three DVDs back to back. Luckily I was the one facing the telly."

My friend told me he was going to a fancy dress party as an Italian island. I said to him 'Don't be Sicily'."

"Crime in multi-storey car parks. That is wrong on so many different levels."

"I just deleted all the German names off my phone. It's Hans-free."

"What's the difference between a 'hippo' and a 'Zippo'? One is really heavy, the other is a little lighter."

"Red sky at night. Shepherd's delight. Blue sky at night. Day."

Thanks to Noel, Vaughan and Brian for their contributions