

Lions Club of Minnamurra

Fishy Tales



Vale Ted McQuire

October 2015
Newsletter



21 Jul 1939 - 16 Oct 2015



Ted - A Lion Remembers

Edward J McQuire, Ted, as he was known to all who knew him, was a person who strongly valued serving his local community. In his early years in Kiama he was a member of Kiama Jaycees, another organisation dedicated to assisting the less fortunate. Ted joined Minnamurra Lions as a charter member when Minnamurra Lions first began back in 1999. He always took an active role in the workings of the Lions club, serving on the board at least three times and filling such roles as club welfare officer, Christmas cake chairman, member of the half way house committee and Tail Twister. Ted was never backward in coming forward and volunteering to fill any role required. I recall his volunteering to sell Melbourne Cup Trifecta tickets when this project first started in the club and also in later years.

During his working life, Ted was employed at MM (Metal Manufacturers), Port Kembla and was a Program Officer at the time of his retirement. He loved to recall the people that he worked with and had a great memory for their names and their personalities. I am sure that he made many friends during his working life.

He was a keen sportsman, playing Rugby League for Thirroul and later at Kiama. His preferred position was in the second row. He was a real team player! He also loved horse racing and often had a bit of a flutter on his best selections. In later years, when they were growing up, he enjoyed watching his children play sport and always supported them by showing up and cheering at hockey games and other events. Golf was a consuming passion and he was always questioning green staff and the golf club committee about aspects of the Kiama Golf course management. Ted had problems with the fitness of his leg but remained enthusiastic about getting out on the golf course and improving his game. He loved a quiet ale or two and his preferred tippie was that great beer, Tooheys Old.

However, Ted's greatest love was for his family, wife Robyn, children Lisa, Kim and Troy and their children. In later years I enjoyed comparing notes about our respective grandchildren. His love, pride and amazement at their latest achievements and development was unlimited. I am sure that he was a great grandfather.

Ted lost his battle with cancer on Friday 16th October 2015. He had turned 76 years of age in July this year. Rest in Peace, Ted.

Roger Millburn

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Lions,

It is sad for our club to lose one of our charter members, Ted McQuire.

Ted was being treated for a tumour on the pancreas and maintained an amazingly positive outlook throughout his treatment.

Ted remained a Lion right to the end and will be remembered as an active member of self sacrifice, generous and giving of his time.

Our thoughts and condolences are extended to his wife Robyn, his family and close friends.

Our numbers and venue man Howard is recovering at home after a major operation and we wish him well with his recovery. If you wish to visit Howard please ring Barbara (42375909) to arrange a suitable time.

Thanks to all those members who attended the Mad Hatters dinner meeting, donning their hats and caps. I was moved by the many words of encouragement and requests to sing the ballad of Davy Crockett not once, but twice.

With so many interesting hats and entertaining stories it was hard to pick the best. The girls from the kitchen fell in love with the hat designed by Ken M and believed it would take out 1st prize. But male votes only counted on the night and Roger was declared the winner with his Get Stuffed Cap.

The tale told was very entertaining and all agreed Roger should take home the prize.

The KGC kitchen staff is preparing an Oktoberfest theme for our next dinner meeting. If pork knuckles, sauerkraut and potatoes wash down with a

complementary beer is to your liking, don't miss the next dinner meeting.

Those who wish to be more in tune with the Oktoberfest theme may wish to wear their leather shorts, braces and jack boots.

Bavarian team building exercises may be added to the agenda, so be prepared.

Many community and fund raising events have occurred over the past month with a large number of members volunteering their time and efforts.

We must all recognise the achievements of our club and its members.

Blue Haven Fete, October Driver Reviver and the Monday Seaside Market BBQ all had successful outcomes due to the active participation of our members.

Dennis has completed a volunteer roster for the major fund raising events, Xmas Trailer Raffle, Trifecta, Driver Reviver plus seaside markets BBQ and is anticipating a consolidated commitment from the majority of club members.

Thanks Dennis and the committee members for all the your work with the roster and venues.

Don't forget the Relay for Life event (23–25 Oct) if you have indicated you are helping with setting up and/or packing up.

Dennis McColl is the 'Numbers Officer' in Howard's absence. Please contact Dennis with your apology for a dinner meeting— dennishelen@primus.com.au.

Cheers from Ross



SECRETARY'S PAGE

Lions All,

I have been advised today by Ted McQuire's family that Ted's funeral will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Manning Street, Kiama on Friday 23rd October, 2015 commencing at 11 a.m.

For those Lions members who will be attending, it has been agreed that Lions will form a guard of honour outside the church at the conclusion of the service. Minnamurra Lions are asked to wear their blue Lions jackets.

A wake for Ted will be held at the Kiama Golf Club after the funeral service is completed

From the most recent Board meeting

- Kiss Arts festival have been invited to attend board meeting to give further information
- 26 Boxes of Christmas cakes have been ordered—John K has been told to allow other members to order at least four of them after he has eaten the first 22!
- We have sponsored Carols in the Park for \$100
- Cash handling procedures- payer and payee to count cash together after we discovered that Roy can't count!
- Friends of Blue Haven thanked us for our assistance with their Fete—\$19527.70 raised
- Proceeds from Melbourne Cup Trifecta to go to Youth Development Award
- Assistance with Relay for Life setup and takedown has been approved as a club project
- Once again, School Citizenship awards have been approved in principle –although details are yet to be finalised
- Next meeting to be Oktoberfest Theme—lederhosen voluntary. That doesn't give you an excuse to wear your wife's tights.
- President Ross is investigating Christmas party at Golfy on Tuesday 8th December.

Calendar of Events

October 2015

- 23-25 Relay for Life Kiama – Set-up and Pack-up
- 27 Dinner Meeting golf club – Max Osborne – New Guinea – Oktoberfest Theme
- 29-31 Melbourne Cup Mystery Boxed Trifecta Sales

November 2015

- 1,2 Melbourne Cup Mystery Boxed Trifecta Sales
- 2 Figtree Lions Calcutta
- 3 Melbourne Cup
- 7 Xmas Trailer Raffle – Terralong Street
- 10 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
Dinner Meeting golf club – Youth of the Year –Ladies Night
- 14-15 Xmas Trailer Raffle– Terralong Street & Seaside Markets
- 20-21 Xmas Trailer Raffle – Kiama Village & Terralong Street
- 24 Dinner Meeting golf club – Guest Speaker – Stuart Massey SLSC – Use of Defibrillator
- 28 Xmas Trailer Raffle– Terralong Street

December 2015

- 4 Xmas Trailer Raffle – IGA Jones Beach
- 7 Zone meeting
- 8 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
Dinner Meeting golf club – Christmas Party or Social Event
- 11 Xmas Trailer Raffle
- 17 Xmas Trailer Raffle
- 19 Xmas Trailer Raffle– Terralong Street
- 20 Seaside Markets Barbeque and Trailer Raffle Draw
- 22 Dinner Meeting golf club

January 2016

- 1-3 Driver Reviver
- 2 Saturday – backup for BBQ at Masters Store
- 8-9 Driver Reviver
- 12 Social Meeting
- 22-23 Driver Reviver
- 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 – Elections by end of month

- 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
- 10 Sunday - District Final Youth of the Year – Goulburn Soldiers Club Market Street Goulburn
- 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
- 12-16 Multiple District Convention - Echuca
- 24 Dinner Meeting golf club

June 2016

- 14 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
Dinner Meeting golf club
- 28 17th Changeover Dinner mixed night

Treasurer's Report

Admin Account

Balance @ 31/08/15 **\$1943.07**

Activities Account

Balance @ 31/08/15 **\$6327.72**



Organisational Change!

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

He will not tolerate any mistakes.

You have been warned!!

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