

Lions Club of Minnamurra

Fishy Tales



Lions,

Thanks go to David Barlow who organised the MLC Melbourne Cup Trifecta. Another successful fund raising event with all tickets sold and over \$4000 collected. The winner of the \$1000 went to Mark Dandridge from Figtree Lions.

The balance is to be allocated to Youth Development Awards.

Thanks to all members involved with this major annual fund raising event.

As reported by John Knox, the Trailer Raffle is going well with Lions Cakes also available for sale. The public is showing great interest in the trailer and all the gifts and it really looks a treat. Thanks go to all the Xmas Trailer Raffle committee members (John, Noel, Ken and Brian) for their continuing contributions.



Dennis McColl has initiated the roster. This has greatly enhanced the coordination and smooth running of these major fund raising events but as Santa says,

"THIS IS THE FESTIVE SEASON.

ITS EASY TO FORGET WHEN YOU ARE ROSTERED ON."

So *"write it down"* or better still, *"get someone else write it down"* and then blame them if you forget.

Relay for Life Organisers thanked our members who helped with the setting up and packing up of the event. The organisers were surprised with the eagerness displayed by "a pride of old grey headed lions". The utes and trailers supplied reduced the workload and contributed to a reduction in set up and pack up time.

Over \$70000 was raised for this major charity.

The Youth of the Year night was well attended with over 50 members, partners and guests. Mike Bowden our MC did a fine job in running the event.

Kiama Golf Club provided a sumptuous meal and our young youths impressed the audience with some interesting topics and their highly developed skills in public

speaking. Thanks also to Mike Bowden for producing the certificates and Ralph Moses for coordinating the whole event from his mobile command centre. There is no doubt the contestants will be future leaders, so we should be pleased as Lions members with our contribution of support for our youth.

Brian Divers is organising a team of "Gate Keepers" for the Rugby 7's event, so if you want to be in charge of a gate and collect money, see Brian.

Next dinner meeting Brian Cox has organised a guest speaker who will demonstrate the effects of the "PACKER WAKA".

If any members require a new start in life, this is your chance.

Volunteers for this life changing event are expected to be in short supply!

Don't forget, the annual MLC Xmas Dinner Party is on the 8th December at the Kiama Golf Club. Bring your partners for this enjoyable night. Cost is \$25 for a two course Xmas Dinner with all the trimmings.

Xmas apparel and red wine is required if you wish to become one with the Spirit of Christmas.



Howard Smith has returned to be our 'Numbers Officer'. Please contact Howard (42375909) or Kari Harju (karju@westnet.com.au) with your apology if you can't attend a dinner meeting. Numbers are important not only to our 'Numbers Officer' but also to our host, Kiama Golf Club and their kitchen staff.

Cheers from Ross



The President



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Minnamurra Lions Calendar of Events

November 2015

- 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
- Triple Care Farm Graduation Ceremony 10.30am RSVP 9 Nov
- 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
- 29,30,1 KISS Arts festival

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



Missed putts really give me the sh**s!

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From the most recent Board Meeting



1. **Mayors Giving Tree** - Christmas presents suitable for 0-14years with particular emphasis on 10-14 years can be left at the Council Chambers or Kiama Library from Monday 16 Nov until Thursday 10 Dec. **Do Not Wrap Gifts**
2. Data is being collected to evaluate the effectiveness of the Kiama Underage Drinking project. Members can give feedback by completing a short survey at :

 https://acu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_4JvFNWQ7rixBPc9

 or feel free to forward the link to friends who are residents of Kiama Municipality.
3. **Xmas Party** to be held on Tuesday 8 December \$25 per head. This will be a mixed event.
4. We continue our support for Red Cross Calling - Col Blanchard to be approached as our liaison contact
5. **Working with Children verification** - Board decided to hold off all members being approved subject to need
6. The board expressed concern over the process of Lions notification after cancellation of Killalea markets - Stallholders advised but not Lions and also:
7. Majority of Board felt that Shellharbour Lions should be given the opportunity to do marshalling before our club
8. **School Citizenship Awards** - letter to schools advising Jamberoo PS 2 awards, Minnamurra PS 4 awards, Kiama HS 4 awards.
9. Board recognised Ted McQuire's contribution to Minnamurra Lions through his committee involvement, willingness to volunteer and outside help in the community
10. Sonya Slyer has volunteered her premises at BushBank to host a sportsmans luncheon with motivational speakers. Hugh Sail will head up a committee to investigate further - Volunteers for committee - please contact Hugh.
11. Tamara Campbell from KISS Arts festival addressed the board and outlined events for festival to be held on the last weekend in April 2016. Board approved our support in principle and would like to be invited to future festival meetings to negotiate details of our involvement.



Christmas Trailer Raffle

Our Trailer Committee wish to formally acknowledge the generous support of the following individuals and businesses for their generous support of our 2015 Christmas Trailer Raffle initiative. Without such support, we could not work to raise funds for many of our chosen charities. Names appear in no particular order

Phil Woodcock	Minn. Lions	Masters Hardware	Albion Park Rail
Bombo Blinds	Kiama Downs	Dan Murphy	Shellharbour
Auto One	Albion Pk Rail	Furniture One	Kiama
Kiama Cycles & Sports	Kiama	Black Rock Café	Kiama
Kiama Bookshop	Kiama	Saltwater Café	Kiama
Amaki Cottage	Kiama	Gloria Jean Café	Kiama
ToyWorld	Kiama	Pretty Shore Boutique	Kiama
Chris Evans Framing	Kiama	Blooms Chemist	Kiama
Coffee Guru	Kiama Village	Kiama Golf Club	Kiama Downs
Jamberoo Hotel	Jamberoo	IGA	Kiama Downs
Kiama Mitre 10	Kiama	Grand Hotel	Kiama
HOUSE to HOME	Kiama	Ocean Grove	Kiama
Sebel Hotel/Motel	Kiama	Ritzy Gritz Restaurant	Kiama
Woolworths	Kiama Village	Thai Restaurant	Kiama
Burnett Trees	Kiama	Peter and Gail Luck	Minnamurra Lions
United Mitre 10	Albion Pk Rail		



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

Please help him to keep our records accurate and up-to-date and as you can see from this recent recovery-mode picture, he doesn't like being messed around.



Our numbers man, Howard, is back on line. 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.

Howard can be contacted by telephone on 42375909 or via Kari at Harju@westnet.com.au

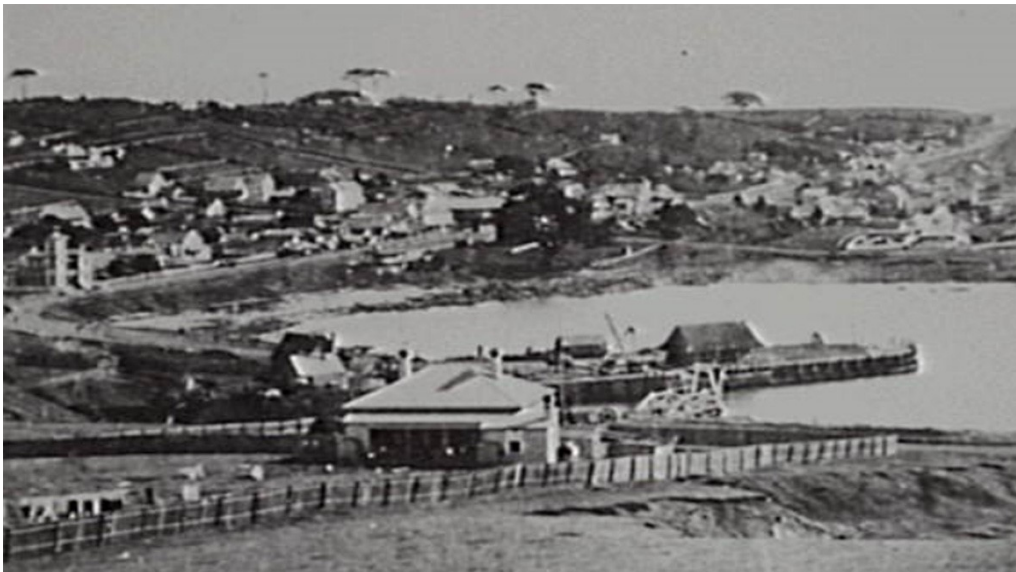
Shipwrecks out of Kiama

Kiama began as a small coastal port shipping mainly timber. In 1820, Kiama supplied 90% of cedar timber used in Sydney. Farm produce soon followed with cargoes of wheat, barley, butter and pork etc . Incoming cargoes included mail, hardware, foodstuffs , clothing and occasionally, passengers. In 1849, a jetty was built to facilitate trade. Previously, rowboats had been used to unload and load cargoes. Mooring chains were used on the harbour floor so that ships could drag their anchor chains to stop the sailing craft. This procedure resulted in many mishaps. The Kiama Jetty was extended in 1852 to facilitate the first steamers using the port .

A safer harbour was needed at Kiama because numerous wrecks occurred during bad weather and local businessmen pressed for it to increase their trade with Sydney. The construction of a barrage (sea wall) commenced in 1871) and the rock



Doesn't look dangerous



Kiama Harbour showing the Pilot's Cottage circa 1890

was dug out behind it to make Robertson Basin (Kiama's inner harbour). The new harbour opened in 1876. At that time, Kiama Headland was separated from the mainland by a small channel of water running from Storm Bay to the harbour. Rock dug out of the harbour was used to fill it.

The first shipment of blue metal left Kiama in 1871 initiating a huge new industry and associated harbourside facilities. This load left in the 'Tim Whiifer' - a 53 foot ketch of 23 tons. She was built in 1868

"I hear you're shipping out on a ketch to Kiama."

"No bloody way, mate!"



and was damaged when she sank at the rip at the entrance to Brisbane Waters (Gosford). One crewman died but the craft was re-floated 3 days later and repaired. Tim Whiffer was hit by a severe squall and capsized in 1871, when it struck Bird Island on the Central Coast of NSW .

Following numerous shipwrecks, Kiama Lighthouse was built and operated from 1887.

Not all Kiama shipwrecks have been recorded but some of the main wrecks have been :-

Ship	Built	Type	Weight (tons)	Length (feet)	Wrecked on	Wrecked at
Twin Sisters		Wooden Ketch			3rd Jun 1851	Black Beach
Neptune	1844	Wooden Ketch	15	39	10 Nov 1856	Off Kiama
Lord of the Isles		Wooden Ketch	28	51	19 Jun 1867	Off Kiama
Bernard and Isabel	1873	Wooden Ketch	22	72	2 May 1875	Rocks off Kiama
Mullewa		Wooden Ketch	30		1878	Entrance to Kiama Harbour
Nile	1859	Brigantine		89	11 Feb 1883	Opposite break-water in harbour
Ino	1864	Ketch	40	65	18 Sept 1889	Rocks off Kiama

Kiama Harbour today has a few fishing boats, some private yachts/craft and tourist charter boat operators doing fishing, whale-watching or diving.

SS Dunmore—the wreckmaker



During her career SS Dunmore rammed and sank six ships during her career carrying blue metal from Kiama and Shellharbour to Sydney—her own fate is unknown after she was apparently sold into the South China Sea