History
The Miners’ Friend Lodge, Balgownie was instituted on 22 April 1920. Previously the Lodge had convened as a sub-branch of the Star of the South Lodge, Sydney. The Grand United Order of Oddfellows was established in N.S.W. in 1848 and was registered under the Friendly Societies Act of 1899. The Order is a voluntary association which seeks to provide assistance to its members in times of sickness, death or unemployment.

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Contribution books indicate the amount contributed by each member for unemployment, sickness and death benefits. Contributions were usually collected each lodge meeting night. The books contain sundry correspondence relation to the institution of the lodge on 22 Apr 1920.
1  22 Apr 1920 – 23 Mar 1922
2  13 Jul 1922 – 23 Jun 1927
3  7 Jul 1927 – 18 Jun 1931

2  Cash Books  1920 – 33  3 v.
Cash books provide a balance of income from members’ contributions and expenditure for various Friendly Society benefits. Details of sundry expenditure related to the function of the Lodge are also given.
1  22 Apr 1920 – 10 Dec 1925
2  7 Jan 1916 – 20 Jun 1929
3  4 Jul 1929 – 29 Jun 1933

3  Printed Matter  1904 – 37  7 v.
1  Branch Ritual and Funeral Oration of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows (Sydney, 1904)
2  Branch Ritual and Funeral Oration of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows (Sydney, 1911)
3  Grand United Order of Oddfellows, branch Ritual and Funeral Oration (Sydney, 1923)
4  A/b. Grand United Order of Oddfellows, Branch Ritual and Funeral Oration (Sydney, 1935) 2 copies.
5  Rules and Regulations to be observed by the various Districts and Branches in New South Wales of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows (Sydney, 27th ed., 1929).
6  Rules and Regulations to be observed by the various Districts and Branches in New south Wales of the Grand united order of Oddfellows (Sydney, 28th ed., 1930).
7  Rules and Regulations to be observed by the various Districts and Branches in New South Wales of the Grand United order of Oddfellows (Sydney, 35th ed., 1937).