

# Koala News

The Bulletin of the Men's and Women's Bowling Sections of West Pennant Hills Sports Club



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The happy winning tables in the "Yes we CAN" competition.

## And a happy Christmas to all!

Last weekend was our **Mixed Christmas Party**. My thanks to **Max Walters**, who really brought the funny as MC, **Peter** and **Kaye Eagle** for their work as cashiers, **Betty Lamb** and **Judy McCreadie** for selling raffle tickets and **Peter** and **Tony** for providing a sumptuous meal. There was much fun and fellowship had by all and was a great way to round out what has been a great year for West Pennant Hills. **David**



A happy ? Hamper winner, Maureen Boyd.

### Presidential Notes



The Festive Season is upon us and I will take this opportunity to wish everyone and their families a very **Blessed Christmas and a safe, healthy and very fulfilling year ahead.**

I thoroughly enjoyed our mixed Xmas lunch at the club on Sunday. Thank you to all those concerned

who organised this happy event. The ladies last bowling day was the "Patrons & Past Presidents Day" on Tuesday 9th December. It was also a festive occasion with an "out of

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I am delighted to be writing my **first report as President.** My thanks to all members on my election. It is indeed an honour and a privilege to serve the Men's section in this way. I strongly believe the new committee has the right blend of experience and fresh ideas to serve our members

well. I want to assure all members that your Management Committee will take nothing for granted and will continue to work hard to deliver the best outcomes.

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the hat" game of bowls followed by lunch and the Presentation of Awards. This was a special day with Patron Margaret Wighton and Past Presidents participating.

A group of our ladies participated in the **Hornsby Shire Trophy** held at Beecroft, Friday 22nd August. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful. Pennant Hills won the day with Dural runners-up. Perhaps next year.

Our **Fashion Parade** held in September once again was a great success. Thank you to all those who participated and to our ladies who did the modelling, thank you.

West Pennant Hills hosted the **NSDWBA "Gala Triples"** in September. Our prayers were answered regarding

the weather and the event ran smoothly. Thank you to our Social Committee **Kaye and June**, to **Anne and Barbara** and to all who helped out on the day. Teams from Beecroft and Asquith scooped the pool, being AM, PM, runners-up and overall winners.

Eight ladies had been chosen by NSDWBA to play in the **Region 16 Challenge** in September. I am proud to congratulate **Wendy Wise** and **Margaret Sawyer** from our club who were included to represent.

The ever popular **Veterans Day** was held at North Epping in October. This is a District Event and to qualify you must be aged "70 years and over". There is always a lot of "catching up" and reminiscing going on and I would recommend this day to any of our ladies

who will be eligible next year.

Congratulations to **Kaye Bailey** and **Helen Quinlan** who, teamed with **Wendy Wise** and **Margaret Sawyer** were chosen to play in the District's "**Past President's Trophy**" at Pennant Hills in October. The concept of this event is for two pairs teams to participate involving a novice lead to be partnered by a skip who had not skipped a Pennant team higher than Grade 3 during this current year. As novices, **Kaye** and **Helen** played extremely well and represented their club proudly. This event would have been a marvellous experience for them both.

All Championship matches have been completed for 2014 –

#### **CLUB FOURS**

Winners: **Mary Maurer, Veronica Doyle, Judy McCreadie, Denise Hopkins**

(**Wendy Wise** sub. for the final game)

Runners-up: **Rosemary Rolles, June Huntley, Anne Lucietto, Betty Gough**

**CONSISTENCY Joy Walker Trophy**

Winner: **Kaye Eagle**

Runner-up: **Kaye Bailey**

Thank you to all who contribute to the successful running of our club. We think of so many of those who have not been well during the year and hope that the new year brings easier times.

Our 2015 calendar seems busier than ever but, undaunted, I am sure we will make it another successful year.

A reminder that our first day back will be Tuesday January 6th. See you then.

*Betty Gough – President*



**Our Fashion Parade models left to right: June, Joan, Helen, Janet and Gina**

#### *David's message continued from Page 1*

Your new Management Committee will be focussing on driving new membership, increasing participation and improving the WPH experience for members. This includes the promotion of the section in the local media and I hope members have seen our successes featured in the local papers over the last few months.

As most members would be aware, your Management Committee has continued with a Competition Panel to select sides for Pennants and any external competitions. My congratulations to **Geoff McIntosh, Michael Schwarcz, Kevin Tuckerman** and **Les Watkins** on their appointment to the panel following a merit-based interview process. I can also announce that **Tony Boughton** will continue to serve as Secretary to the Competition Panel.

Our greens are progressing well and I thank members for their patience and understanding given the constraints of having only one green in operation places upon us. My thanks to **Peter Eagle, Ross Irwin** and **Steve** for their hard work with the greens.

In recent months, the Men's section has enjoyed great success in external competitions. Congratulations to all those who competed in the Hornsby Cup with a very strong 2nd place against stiff competition. Congratulations to **Max Walters, Les Watkins** and **Gary Tyrrell** on their win in the Dural Country Club Super Sixes Competition.

We have completed several championships. Congratulations to **Darrin Ede** and **Kevin Tuckerman** in the **Minor Pairs**, **Ross Iredale, Keith Robinson** and **Michael Quinlan** in the **Triples**, and **Merv Cannon** and **Jeremy Thiedeman** in the **Barry Walker Pairs**.

Last weekend, the Men's section held our **Annual Presentation Day**. My thanks to **Michael Quinlan**, who did a superb job as MC and **Dallas Palm** for all his work in coordinating the event. While it was pleasing to see many members on the day celebrating the achievements of our 2014 champions, I would love to see more members there next year.

As always, if I or any member of the Management Committee can be of assistance to any member, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me on 9875 1536 (home), 0423 480 917 (mobile) or at [president@demaj.com.au](mailto:president@demaj.com.au).

In closing, I would like to extend to all members on behalf of your Management Committee our best wishes for a very merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you on our new green in 2015. Happy bowling!

*David Wilson – President*



**ZONE 10 PENNANT WINNERS 2014**

Left to right: Dallas Palm, Kevin Tuckerman, Brian Joyce, Norm Jackson, David Wilson, Les Watkins, Don Couch, Rod Foster, Kevin Hoffman, Gary Tyrrell, Tony Boughton, Michael Schwarcz, Darrin Ede and John Skidmore



**BOB MACINTOSH MINOR PAIRS 2014**

Left to right: Runner-up: Leo Saly, Winners: Kevin Tuckerman, Darrin Ede, Runner-up: Clive Donohoo



**WINNERS WOMEN'S FOURS 2014**

Left to right: Denise Hopkins, Judith McCreddie, Veronica Doyle and Mary Maurer



**MEN'S TRIPLES 2014**

Left to right: Winners: Ross Iredale, Keith Robinson, Michael Quinlan, President: David Wilson Runners-up: Ross Fitzpatrick, Max Walters and Jeremy Thiedeman



**CONSISTENCY 2014**

Runner-up: Kaye Bailey Winner: Kaye Eagle



**BARRY WALKER CLASSIC PAIRS 2014**

Left to right: Winners: Merv Cannon, Jeremy Thiedeman, Presenter: Barry Walker, President: David Wilson, Runners-up: Keith Robinson and Ian Corke



**WINNERS SUPER SIXES**

Left to right: Gary Tyrrell, Max Walters and Les Watkins

## NORFOLK ISLAND TOUR – OCTOBER 2015



**We are leaving on a jet plane ...** so the song goes and it is true for 41 people who are now booked to depart on the 23rd October 2015.

Following the initial tour gathering of all those interested in making the trip, we have now lodged all the booking forms with non refundable deposits to our group tour organisers the Norfolk Island Travel Centre. They will in due course commence the processing of all payments and then communicate independently with all those going.

Due to the overall size of the tour group, we have had to spread ourselves over three properties all of which are located in close proximity to each other. This means that we can now accommodate others who may wish to join in the group booking.

## On Government ...

In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a government. **John Adams**

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of government. But then I repeat myself. **Mark Twain**

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys. **P. J. O'Rourke**

The total cost of this tour, due to the size of the tour group, is very favourable. There is still time for others wishing to join the tour and gain the benefits.

The tour group is currently made up of 17 gentlemen and 24 ladies. Of these we have total of 29 bowlers who will be participating in a number of games against the Norfolk Island Bowling Club in friendly tournaments over three afternoons. As we are staying on the Island for a total of eight days, this will give everybody plenty of time to enjoy all that Norfolk has to offer.

For anyone seeking details of the tour please refer to details previously provided on the website. Hard copies are also available from Jeremy Thiedeman.

**Jeremy Thiedeman** Tour coordinator

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

**Will Rogers**

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.

**Ronald Reagan**



## Welfare Report by Teddie Dowling and David Roles

**Ailsa Graves** is out of hospital and recovering from a fall.

**Val Harvey** has not been well suffering from Asthma.

**Joyce Jones** hopes to be back next year after a long illness.

**Paul Van Tilburg** is home recovering from a major heart operation and feeling much better.

**Roy Robinson** is resting and holidaying following his heart operation.

**Rod Roberts** continues to improve following his illness.

**Steve Brady** and **Ken Holden** are feeling much better.

**Geoff Williams** is recovering well following his bowel cancer operation.

## Racked and Ready



**The Club owes a great deal to the willing and productive efforts that Cliff Johnstone has kindly given to our Club.**

Over a period of about four years, Cliff has produced 30+ bowls racks for our bowls shed.

When bowls are donated to us they need to be organised, accessible and portable. These racked bowls provide convenience for new bowlers being coached, Twilight Bowls, school groups, corporate bodies (and bowlers who sometimes forget their own bowls).

Whenever I have suggested the need for extra bowls racks to Cliff, his wonderful smile and generous acceptance has made me so grateful that Cliff is a member of our Club.

Many thanks Cliff. **Max Walters**

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

Based on the Sports Clubs Regulations and Insurance Policies the following rules apply for those wishing to use our Greens. **The only people able to use our greens are as follows:**

- Bowling Members of our Club.
- Visitors who are members of other bowling clubs.
- Non-members of West Pennant Hills bowling sections or other bowling clubs who are attending sanctioned events at our club e.g. Twilight Bowls, Mixed events held on public holidays etc.
- Non-members of West Pennant Hills bowling sections or other bowling clubs who are being supervised by a qualified Club Coach.

If you are not a coach or involved in a sanctioned event you cannot allow people onto our greens. Failure to adhere to these rules may result in serious consequences for the Club and you personally.

We recently lost Bob O'Brian a former member who passed away at the age of 78.

Keith Robinson's mother passed away at a nursing home in Leeton at the age of 100.

*May they rest in peace.*