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Killara Bowls News

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Farwell to Tom Takahasi April 2014

VALE



**HELEN SOMERVILLE
CLARK**

9.2.23 — 1.6.14

PATRON Member 33 Yrs



E. LLOYD SOMMERLAD

12.4.1919 — 2.5.14

LIFE MEMBER

Member 32 yrs

*"I once was lost, but now am found,
 Was blind, but now can see."*

Acknowledgements
 pages 10 and 7.

MAGNIFICENT GESTURE! MEMBER'S \$4,840 GIFT



**Rick Edwards ad-
 mires the new awn-
 ings donated in re-
 sponse to the
 Club's Centenary
 Refurbishment
 Appeal.**

**Given anonymously
 the awnings greatly
 enhance appear-
 ance and function.
 What a contrast!**

The latest Centenary Report is on page 5.





CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Thank you to those people who continue to subscribe to the building fund. Members will have noticed 3 projects that either have been completed or are in progress. Due to a very generous donation from an anonymous member, the blinds shading the east side of the No. 2 Green outside the clubhouse have been replaced. **Julie Halliday** and her daughter have pressure-cleaned the Ladies bathroom and at the same time replaced the toilet seats which were also provided by another anonymous donation.



On the eve of his departure, Tom Takahashi presented our Chairman a \$1,000 contribution to the Centenary Refurbishment Fund.



**NEW STAIRS
STATUS
25 JUNE.**

ing day. The costs of running the club are high and it requires a lot more income to balance the books. We are very grateful for the sponsors we have but it would be of benefit if we could increase their number to gain more income. Most bowling clubs have a large number of sponsors and the Board would like to hear from any member who may know of some firm that might be worth contacting in that regard.

We are very sad that in the last quarter we have lost 2 stalwarts of our Club, Ladies Patron and Life Member **Helen Clark** and Life Member **Lloyd Sommerlad**. They will be sadly missed.

The stair replacement project is well underway thanks to a Government grant and should be completed shortly.

Congratulations to **Rod Henriks** for again winning the Major Singles competition. The match between Rod and **Rick Edwards** was very close and of a very high standard. We can be proud of how well our best players play the game and the good sportsmanship they display. Commiserations to Rick and all the other players who entered and lost their matches along the way. It is important that members enter these competitions as it is a great way of testing yourself against the better players and improving your game.

I have received a number of positive responses regarding the letter attached to the annual subscription notices and it emphasised that we need both more members and more players on the green each play-

On a brighter note we have been pleased to welcome several new members recently; it is pleasing to see them participating and playing well each Thursday as well as on other days. I am sure you will make them most welcome and enjoy their company.

Dale McBean

MORE CENTENARY NEWS.

At the last Board it was decided to establish a TASK FORCE to assess refurbishment of interior fittings approaching our 2016 Centenary. The task force will be headed by our House Manager, **Warwick Druce** assisted by **Don Reade & Judy McLeod**.

**Killara 1916 - 2016
100 Years of Bowling**

PRESIDENT Julie Halliday



We were saddened that our patron, Helen Clark, passed away and she was farewelled with a large gathering at the Pymble Uniting Church. She will be remembered for her dedication and service to our Club and her interest in our archives. Our thoughts extend to Helen's family. Committee members have been put to the test since our last AGM and, at times, it has seemed to me that life was simply meant to be difficult for such volunteers. But alas! Things can only improve. Two successful Card Days have been held by KWBC members lately and we congratulate the women on making a combined net profit of \$450.70.

The following competitions for the women have been conducted in the past five weeks and I extend congratulations to the winners and commiserations to the runners-up: Pairs, Major Singles, Minor Singles and Mixed Pairs. Special thanks are conveyed to the numerous Umpires and to **Jean Brierley**, the Controlling Body for all the matches.

Congratulations to **John Brodie**, **Rod Henriks** and **Brian Shirvington**, as well as other representatives of KBC Limited for their untiring efforts to draw together a working plan to achieve goals in order to attract new members and fulfil outstanding matters before our Club's Centenary Year of 2016. May you continue to enjoy this great game of bowls!

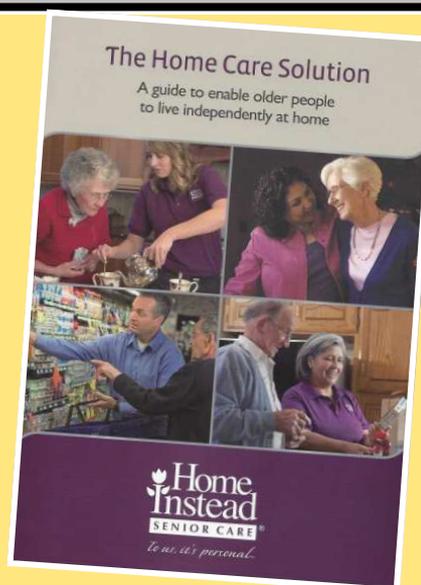
Julie

THE HOME CARE SOLUTION

From July 2014, all older Australians needing home-based care will be means tested as part of significant reforms to aged care funding.

For the first time, every Australian requiring 'in home' care will have their income assessed; and for the first time service providers will also be put under the microscope as never before and be held accountable for the allocated funds for an individual's home care services. Our Sponsor, HOME INSTEAD, has recently published *The Home Care Solutions Guide* which explains everything you ever wanted to know about home care including the issues and options available, and clarifies the recent changes to government funded home care, assisting people to find the best home care solution to meet their personal needs.

This excellent publication is available in the Sponsor Section and is commended to members.



THE MUIR'S VISIT FROM NOOSAVILLE

MEDICARE COVERAGE

The phone rings and the caller asks "Mrs. Sanders please." "Speaking," she replied. Mrs. Sanders, this is Doctor Jones at Saint Agnes Laboratory. When your husband's doctor sent his biopsy to the lab last week, a biopsy from another Mr. Sanders arrived as well. We are now uncertain which one belongs to your husband. Frankly, either way the results are not good.'

'What do you mean?' Mrs. Sanders asks nervously.

'Well, one of the specimens tested positive for Alzheimer's and the other one tested positive for HIV. We can't tell which is which.'

'That's dreadful! Can you do the test again?' questioned Mrs. Sanders.

'Normally we can, but Medicare will only pay for these expensive tests one time.'

'Well, what am I supposed to do now?'

'The folks at Medicare recommend that you drop your husband off somewhere in

Killara Bowling Club



Ladies, if a man says he will fix it, he will. There is no need to remind him every 6 months about it.

**PRESIDENT
Don Buddee**

On 30th May the Cyril South final was held with St Ives triumphant over Asquith in a close fought match. The trophy was presented to St Ives at our Autumn Carnival.

A successful Anzac Day Ceremony and Mixed Bowls was held on 25th April. This is the 2nd year that **Colonel Frank Lang** OAM RFM EO has given an enlightening Commemorative address. The luncheon and the bugler was again organised by the capable and efficient **Judy Mcleod**. Thank you Judy.

Our Autumn Carnival was held on Sunday 18 May (Composite Pairs) and on Monday 19 May (Men's Triples). **David Martin** was again our Convenor and **Bob Hill** his 2IC.

The experience of both David and Bob was invaluable resulting in 128 entrants over the two day period. To our usual volunteer army of helpers covering flags, rink markings, card preparation, meal preparation, meal serving, roll up room and sale of raffle tickets please again accept our many thanks. Special thanks also to **Bob Bessemer** for preparing the brochures, entry forms and the bowl's cards and **Joe Zazulak** for his involvement with the draw.

We have been successful in defending the Steadman Bowl Trophy. Unfortunately our 7's Pennant team finished last however the 6's finished in a well deserved 3rd place.

Three In House Competitions have been concluded since our last newsletter. For the second year in a row our Major Singles Champion is **Rod Henriks**. This was not achieved however without a great struggle against **Ric Edwards** in a final that lasted 39 ends. Our Mixed Pairs Champions for the year are **Julie Halliday** who teamed up with **Gof Bowles** to beat **Judy Mcleod** and **Dave Warren**. Our Major Pairs resulted in a win for the writer and **Brian Shirvington** who beat **Ian Armstrong** and **Dale Mc Bean**. This was another game that went down to the wire as the game was determined by the last bowl on the last end.

Good Bowling, **Don**



ROD HENRIKS
Club Champion 2013-2014
Winner
Ian Cameron-Smith Trophy

As quick as a flash!

A man in London walked into the produce section of his local supermarket and asked to buy half a head of lettuce. The boy working in that department told him that they only sold whole heads of lettuce. The man was insistent that the boy ask the manager about the matter.

Walking into the back room, the boy said to the manager, "Some old Coot wants to buy a half a head of lettuce." As he finished his sentence, he turned around to find that the man was standing right behind him, so he quickly added, "and this gentleman kindly offered to buy the other half." The manager approved the deal and the man went on his way. Later, the manager said to the boy, "I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier, we like people who can think on their feet here, where are you from son?"

"New Zealand, sir," the boy replied.

"Why did you leave New Zealand?" the manager asked. The boy said, "Sir, there's nothing but prostitutes and rugby players there." "Is that right?" replied the manager, "My wife is from New Zealand!"

"Really?" replied the boy, "Who'd she play for?"



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MEMBER BRIEFING

Bulletin No. 3 July 2014

KBC CENTENARY REFURBISHMENT FUND PROGRESS REPORT

FUND NOW AT \$30,000 plus

Since our last report a further \$11,250 has been added to the fund with a most notable boost by an anonymous donor of nearly \$5,000 specifically to replace the ragged awnings attached to the clubhouse.

The fund has now raised some \$30,000. There have been 37 contributors - just on 20% of members. **Leaving much scope for the next 'leap'!**

If you are not one of the 37, we hope you are considering a contribution. The Board has a number of projects under consideration preparing the Club for 2016 and rejuvenating facilities for members. The scope of these works will be enhanced by the KBC Centenary Fund and your generosity.

PLEDGES

This is the great convenience of our pledge plan. You can avoid a dent in your cashflow by giving 1/3 this year, pledging 1/3 next year and the balance in 2016. The total of cash and pledges determines your Honour Board level :

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Also, you can adjust your contribution. If you feel able to give again, your level will be adjusted upwards accordingly.

RAFFLES

The Board has decided the net proceeds of all raffles and similar fund raisers will be contributed to the Fund. Contributions from this source have reached \$1,649 to date suggesting we will exceed our target of \$3,000 handsomely.

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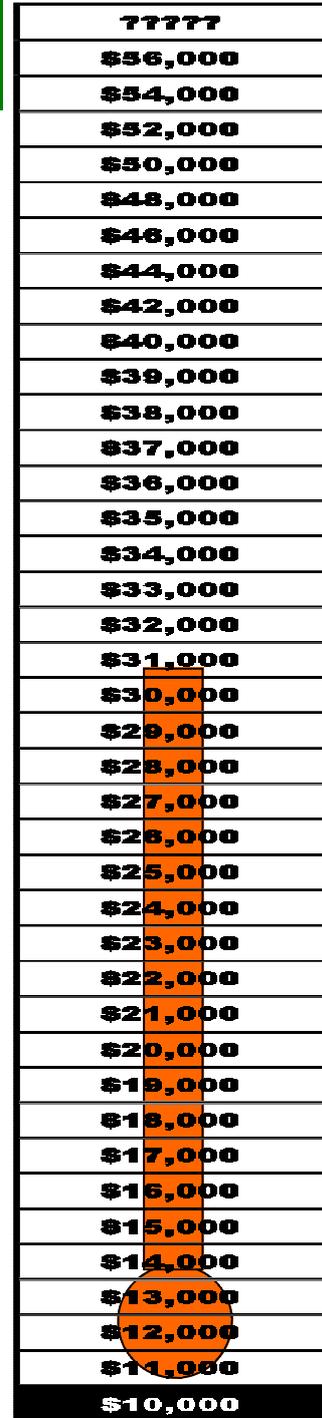
We will soon begin our campaign to seek contributions from suppliers and local businesses. We will be seeking your assistance in this project.

All contributors will also be permanently recorded on our Honour Board.

CONTRIBUTION/PLEDGE FORMS

All contributions must be made using the designated form available from Mrs. Suzen Cleary. A receipt will be issued in every instance.

Do you have any queries or suggestions? Please feel free to call us at home. FOR THE SPONSORSHIP/FUNDING COMMITTEE,



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Farewell E.L.S

Have you read "Bowls at Killara", the history of Killara Bowling Club 1916-1990 by E. Lloyd Sommerlad? You will surely have been intrigued by the wealth of information, not only about our Club, but also about the early history of Killara and the 1839 land

grant of "Spring Dale" on part of which the Club is located. Lloyd acknowledged his sources in the Foreword, and as Club Archivist, he would certainly have known where to look. He has also authored three other books so is well qualified to write the Club history.

Born in 1919, Lloyd spent his boyhood in Glen Innes where his father ran the local paper. Educated at Sydney Grammar School, he went on to graduate BA in the year the war started, still finding time to edit "Honi Soit", the weekly student newspaper in 1939. He was commissioned in the Sydney University Regiment and later served in a Light Anti-aircraft unit in Dutch New Guinea. Post war, he completed an Economics degree as an evening student.

His family were associated with country newspapers since 1912 and Lloyd followed his father as Chairman of Northern Newspapers Pty Ltd and as the executive officer of the country press co-operative organisations in Sydney. He was Secretary of the Australian Provincial Press Association and later Federal Director of the Federation of Australian Radio Broadcasters. He became President of the National Trust, was President of Lindfield East P & C Association, and for 12 years was a

member of the Legislative Council of NSW, in the days when it met at 4.30pm and into the night, all for an honorarium of 500 pounds a year and no pension.

In 1961 he was appointed to the Secretariat of UNESCO in Paris and for 14 years was an international civil servant, promoting the use of communication for national development in the third world. His last two years were spent in Kuala Lumpur as UNESCO Communication Advisor for Asia. On his return to Australia he shared his experience, as a Visiting Fellow at Macquarie University. To say that Lloyd travelled widely is an understatement. A competent photographer, his extensive collection includes shots of African game parks, Kashmiri houseboats, ancient monuments and temples in Nepal, Iran, Burma, Libya and Mexico, the ruins of Angkor Watt and Machu Pichu, the statues of Easter Island, the Dyaks and longhouses of Borneo and other traditional peoples.



Lloyd met his future wife, Mavis, when they were fellow students at the University where Mavis played inter-Varsity basketball and was Secretary of the Women's Sports Union. They married in 1943. During the war she worked at the ABC and was a member of one of the Voluntary Aid Detachments - as evidenced by the photograph in company with her young officer fiancé..

Lloyd joined KBC in 1982 and at various times was Vice President, Deputy Chairman, Chairman, Selector and Editor of Bowls News. He was unanimously admitted to the exclusive pantheon of Life Membership at the AGM 15th October 2011.

An active bowler, he has won the Minor and Major Singles and was a multiple winner of the Gissing Consistency, and Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships.

Lloyd, we salute you!



Two Glasgow young men, Archie and Jock, are sitting in the pub discussing Jock's forthcoming wedding.

"Ach, it's all going like magic," says Jock.

I've got everything organized already - the flowers, the Church, the cars, the reception, the rings, the minister, even

my stag night...."

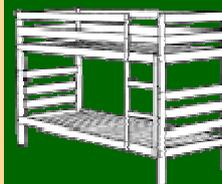
Archie nods approvingly. "Man, I've even bought a kilt to be married in!" continues Jock.

"A kilt?" exclaims Archie, "That's great, you'll look pure smart in that! And what's the tartan?"

"Och," says Jock, "I'd imagine she'll be in white."

Little Tony was staying with his grandmother for a few days. He'd been playing outside with other kids for a while when he came into the house and asked her--"Grandma, what's that called when two people sleep in the same room and one is on top of the other?"

Grandma was taken aback but she decided to just tell him the truth. "it's called sexual intercourse, darling". Little Tony just said, "Oh, OK" and went back outside to play with the other kids.



A few minutes later he came back in and said angrily, "Grandma, it isn't called sexual intercourse. It's called Bunk Beds, and Jimmy's Mum wants to talk to you."



**COACHING
CO-ORDINATOR**

David Hunt

We had a mixed bag in the Pennants – the season for 6s did well but the 7s were disappointing.

I am sure some more practise on the 40 bowl test would help with the pop-up jacks (in the coaching locker) for the running shots.

Please follow your skip's directions as he is at the head and has a much better view than you.

In the meantime try and remember the following points:

1. Take a point on the bank, bring your eye back to the aiming point on the grass.
2. Make sure that your feet are pointed along the aiming point.
3. With a smooth delivery ensure your bowling arm follows the aiming line – don't flick or cross the body.
4. Stay down until the bowl passes the aiming point.
5. If possible remember your aiming point so you can repeat or correct if necessary.

Remember, bowls is a game of correction. If narrow or wide adjust on the aiming line – if short or long look up or down the line.

Finally, "we don't train to win, we train to play better bowls and enjoy the game – winning comes later".

Good bowling everyone.

David

THE FABULOUS FRANK FELDMAN

A man walks out to the street and catches a taxi just going by. He gets into the taxi, and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing. You're just like Frank." Passenger: "Who?"

Cabbie: "Frank Feldman. He's a guy who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along when you needed a cab, things happened like that to Frank Feldman every single time."

Passenger: "There are always a few clouds over everybody."

Cabbie: "Not Frank Feldman. He was a terrific athlete. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star and you should have heard him play the piano. He was an amazing guy."

Passenger: "Sounds like he was something really special."

Cabbie: "There's more. He had a memory like a computer. He remembered everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order and which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse, and the whole street blacks out. But Frank Feldman, he could do everything right."

Passenger: "Wow. Some guy then."

Cabbie: "He always knew the quickest way to go in traffic and avoid traffic jams.. Not like me, I always seem to get stuck in them. But Frank, he never made a mistake, and he really knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good. He would never answer her back even if she was in the wrong; and his clothing was always immaculate, shoes highly polished too. He was the perfect man! He never made a mistake. No one could ever measure up to Frank Feldman."

Passenger: "An amazing fellow. How did you meet him?"

Cabbie: "Well, I never actually met Frank. He died. I'm married to his widow."

A man with no arms !!

There was a man who lost one of his arms in an accident He became very depressed as he loved to play golf.

One day in his despair, he decided to commit suicide. He went to the top of a building and was standing on the ledge looking down when he saw a man down on the footpath skipping along, whooping and kicking up his heels.

He looked closer and saw that this man didn't have any arms at all!

He started thinking, "What am I doing up here feeling sorry for myself? I still have one good arm."He thought "There goes a man with no arms skipping down the sidewalk so happy and going on with his life."

He hurried down to the pavement and caught up with the man and told him how glad he was to see him because he lost one of his arms and felt useless and was going to kill himself.

He thanked him for saving his life and said he knew he could make it with one arm if he could go on with no arms.

His new friend began dancing and whooping and kicking up his heels again. He asked, "Why are you so happy anyway?"

The man said, "Who said I was happy?...I've got an itchy scrotum!!"

Heart-warming stories like this put a lump in your throat...!!



NEW SELECTION COMMITTEE

Ken Howard will continue as Chairman of Selectors assisted by *Rick Edwards* and *Michael Tsolakis*.

Welcome back Michael!

GET WELL !!



Johno Orton
is in Neringa Hospital.



Colin McKellar
Is at home waiting to move to Turramurra House.



Harry Jerram
Has moved into Terry Hills Nursing Home.

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FUNCTIONS DIRECTOR Judy McLeod

AUTUMN/ WINTER

It is a rather quiet time of the year but since the last news letter we have had two functions which were well attended and enjoyed by all who participated.

First, Anzac Day on 25 April is always a sad commemoration of the tragic battle but every year we hold a function to remember the fallen and this year we were fortunate to have one of our lovely, older, active members, **Frank Lang** give us the address as he did last year. AND he does so without notes! Marvelous! So thank you Frank.

The last post is very emotional and **Geoff Palmer** from Knox Grammar played expertly for the occasion and I'm hoping we'll be able to engage him again next year.

Sue provided her delicious roast lamb lunch before we adjourned for the service which was held in near perfect weather conditions. We had 53 attend, 40 or whom played bowls after the service.

Secondly, the Autumn Carnival on 18 and 19 May enjoyed great weather again and we hosted 44 players for the Sunday Composite Pairs and 84 for the Men's Triples on Monday. The Women's Triples had to be cancelled this year due to lack of entries but hopefully we'll be able to hold the event next year as it is such a fun day socially.

Once again I want to thank **Sue Cleary** above all and the other wonderful members who help me make these social events the success they are. I honestly couldn't do it without you.

The monies raised from the raffles on both Anzac Day and the two days of the Carnival brought in over \$500.00 which will go towards the Centenary Refurbishment Fund for proposed upgrades at our club. The next social event will be on 23 August in the form of a Trivia Night which I hope you'll attend together with friends and family. Make up your own table of 'bright sparks' and maybe you will go home all the richer with that glowing good feeling of winning! The evening will begin at 7.00p.m after dinner but hot and cold snacks and drinks will be available at the bar during the evening.

Judy

KILLARA BOWLING CLUB Family **TRIVIA** Challenge

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Baby's First Doctor Visit

A woman and a baby were in the doctor's examining room waiting for the doctor to come in for the baby's first exam. The doctor arrived and examined the baby, checked his weight, and being a little concerned, asked if the baby was breast-fed or bottle-fed. 'Breast-fed,' she replied.. 'Well, strip down to your waist,' the doctor ordered. She did. He pinched her nipples, pressed, kneaded, and rubbed both breasts for a while in a very professional and detailed examination. Motioning to her to get dressed, the doctor said, 'No wonder this baby is underweight. You don't have any milk.' I know,' she said, 'I'm his Grandma, But I'm glad I came.



When everybody on earth was dead and waiting to enter Heaven, God appeared and said, "I want the men to make two lines. One line for the men who were true heads of their household, and the other line for the men who were dominated by their women. I want all the women to report to St. Peter."

Soon, the women were gone, and there were two lines of men. The line of the men who were dominated by their wives was 100 miles long, and in the line of men who truly were heads of their household, there was only one man.

God said to the long line, "You

men should be ashamed of yourselves; I created you to be the head of your household! You have been disobedient and have not fulfilled your purpose! Of all of you, only one obeyed. Learn from him."

God turned to the one man, "How did you manage to be the only one in this line?"

The man replied, "My wife told me to stand here. **John Brodie**

Now here is a brain teaser.

See if you can figure out what these words have in common:

- 1 **Banana**
- 2 **Dresser**
- 3 **Grammar**
- 4 **Potato**
- 5 **Revive**
- 6 **Uneven**
- 7 **Assess**

The answer is on page 14.



Helen Clark
Patron and Powerhouse



At the Club's Foundation Dinner, 24th September 2010, the keynote speaker was Helen Clark. At that time she had been a member for 29 years and she provided a fascinating insight of the club she saw. Here are some of her recollections :-

" When I first joined Killara in 1981 it was a very different club to the one we know today. There was a Men's Club and Ladies' Club and no registered club until 1987. The two clubs operated independently with their own constitution, committee and bank account. There was a full time Barman. The bar was open Tuesday to Saturday from 11am until 6 pm and on Mondays from 4pm to 6pm. Monday was for the benefit of male members to enjoy what we now call "Happy Hour". There were two staff in the kitchen. They worked only for the Men's Club. The ladies brought their own lunch and made tea and coffee for themselves. When the tables were set for afternoon, tea silver teapots, water jugs etc were used on every table. Our club was famous for our beautiful silverware. There was always a Top Table where the President's team sat. The men always wore their blazers for afternoon tea. Many of the men wore ties while playing bowls."

(Helen's mentioning the creation of the Registered Club was also significant. Her husband Ross was the inaugural Chairman of the new entity and President of the men's club for three years.)

Helen also discussed some of the "tradition" she encountered :-

"In those early days the NSWBA had a strong control over all Clubs. They dictated what we could wear. White dresses or white skirts and matching tops were allowed. All skirts 15" from the ground, short sleeves to the elbow. Under our dresses we had to wear double fronted nylon petty coats so the men could not see through our skirts. Beige nylon pantihose were a must as were our hats. Hats never left our heads while on Club ground. If some of our older members thought our skirts were too short they would drag us upstairs and measure our skirt length. If too short we were told to lengthen it. This operation terrified new members.(Still does .ed) One day a member arrived at the Club with a doctors certificate saying she had a severe rash on her legs and must not wear pantihose. The certificate was sent to the NSWBA requesting permission for her to go without pantihose. Permission was granted! The following Tuesday nearly every member of KWBC arrived with a doctors certificate saying they had a severe rash all over their legs. All applications were successful."

**RONALD ROSS
CLARK**

24 June 1921 – 25 August 2004 : Age 83
Life Member
Member 33 years

He was the first Chairman and held that honor whilst serving as President for three years



On Helen's passing she had been a member for 33 years. It is remarkable Ross had been a member for an identical period. Both contributed to our club with hard work, enthusiasm and dedication.

A heartfelt Thank you Helen

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Member Frank gave the Anzac Day address again this year. His learned talk on the origin of traditions associated with the ceremony deserves a wider audience.

This is a lightly abridged record.

In previous years I have discussed various aspects of our involvement in the World Wars and subsequent deployments of our Armed Forces. This year I thought it would be interesting to tell of the origins of the Ceremony of ANZAC DAY.

ANZAC - acronym for the Code Name used by Gen Birdwood's staff in Cairo for the *Australian and New Zealand Army Corps* before the landing and then adopted as the name for the area of operations on the Gallipoli Peninsula for the 8 months of the campaign.

The first REMEMBRANCE DAY, 25/4/1916, was observed in Australia, England and Egypt and was officially named ANZAC DAY by the acting Prime Minister, George Pearce. By the 1920's a Public Holiday was declared throughout Australia. *On the 3rd anniversary, 25 April 1918, the Australian Force under General John Monash, recaptured Villers Bretonneux -- the turning point battle of the 1st World War.*

The first ANZAC DAY MARCH was held in London on the 4th anniversary 25 April 1919 -- a tribute by King George V to thank Australia for its contribution to the war. 5,000 Australian soldiers took The DAWN SERVICE is thought to have originated in Albany W.A., where a Rev. Arthur White, held a 4am pre dawn service in Nov 1914, before his unit embarked on their ship to sail for Egypt. Albany was the last Australian port for most of the troop ships leaving Australia.

After the war, back in Albany as an Anglican Rector, he again initiated a Dawn Service in 1923 during which one of the congregation rowed out in a small dinghy as the sun was rising and cast a wreath into King George Sound. All present were deeply moved and news of the ceremony soon spread throughout the country and various Returned Service communities emulated the Dawn Service. A Dawn Service had also been held on the Western Front by an Australian Bn on 25 April 1916.

In Sydney a Dawn Service was held in 1928 when the Cenotaph was completed in Martin Place and has continued since.

The GUN FIRE BREAKFAST in all RSL Clubs, following the Dawn Service, has its origins in the TOT OF RUM given to soldiers in their black tea before an attack in times past, and now a tot of rum in your coffee is part of the Gun Fire Breakfast.

BUGLE CALLS originating in medieval times, possibly around 1600. REVEILLE is the first bugle call of the day and it is to wake soldiers at the break of day. ROUSE is the second call and is the signal for soldiers to rise and dress for their duty. At the ANZAC Dawn Service Reveille is still played, but at

other services the shorter Rouse is used.

The LAST POST signals the end of a soldier's day, compared with Reveille signaling the start.

In 17th Century in the British Army, a bugler and a drummer accompanied the Duty Officer at night on his rounds -- called TATTOO. A bugle call was made as he started his rounds to see the sentry posts were manned and off duty soldiers were sent to their billets. Another longer bugle call, the "Last Post" was made at the conclusion of rounds and reaching their 'last post'. It was later incorporated into funeral and memorial services to say a final farewell, and to signify the duty of the dead soldier is over and he can now rest in peace.

The significance of the TWO MINUTES SILENCE

The concept of a Remembrance Silence is credited to an Australian Journalist, Edward Honey, who briefly served in France in WWI, before being discharged due to ill health and died in 1922. He published a letter in the London Evening News on 8 May 1919, appealing for a five minute silence amid the ceremonial joy planned for the first celebration of the anniversary of the end of the war, a "sacred intercession, a bitter sweet silence to remember those who lost their lives to win us peace".

King George V was very moved by this idea but five minutes was found to be too long and on 7 Nov 1919 the King issued a proclamation asking for a two minute complete suspension of all normal activities so that in perfect stillness "the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the glorious dead". This was on the first Remembrance Day ceremony in London on 11 Nov 1919 at 11 o'clock.

THE ODE is the famous and compelling 4th verse of Laurence Binyon's poem "For the Fallen", published in September 1914 in The Times, when the British Expeditionary Force in France was already suffering severe casualties. It was selected in 1919 to accompany the unveiling of the London Cenotaph, and like so many memorial traditions, passed into common use across the Commonwealth. It has become the Leagues Ode of Remembrance, used in commemoration services in Australia since 1921, and is followed by the phrase LEST WE FORGET. Significance of the RED POPPY and sprig of ROSEMARY Lt.Col John McRae, a Canadian Medical Officer, serving in France, was so affected by the loss of life and casualties that he composed a poem in May 1915 "In Flanders Fields", describing the red poppies growing between the rows of crosses marking the graves of soldiers killed fighting for their country. The vivid red of the poppies symbolising the blood of their comrades.

In England in 1919, the British Legion sought an emblem to honour the dead and help the living, and the poppy was accepted as the Emblem of Remembrance. The French YMCA suggested selling poppies to raise money for widows, orphans and needy veterans and the Australian RSL first sold poppies for Armistice Day in 1921, importing 1 million silk poppies made in French orphanages. The money raised was donated to a charity for French children and to the RSL welfare work. Whilst the Poppy continues as the symbol and emblem for Remembrance (Armistice) Day ROSEMARY has become the symbol for ANZAC Day in Australia. The aromatic herb Rosemary, in ancient times, was credited with improving the memory, and hence the significance in remembering the sacrifices of our Armed Forces. Also of particular meaning for Australians, Rosemary grows wild on the Gallipoli Peninsula.



A man and his wife were awakened at 3:00 am by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, asks for a push.

'Not a chance,' says the husband, 'it is 3:00 in the morning!' He slams the door and returns to bed.

'Who was that?' asked his wife.

'Just some drunk guy asking for a push,' he answers.

'Did you help him?' she asks.

'No, I did not, it is 3:00 in the morning and it is pouring rain out there!'

'Well, you have a short memory,' says his wife.

'Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two fellows helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!'

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pouring rain.

He calls out into the dark, 'Hello, are you still there?'

'Yes,' comes back the answer.

'Do you still need a push?' calls out the husband.

'Yes, please!' comes the reply from the dark.

'Where are you?' asks the husband

'Over here on the swing,' replied the drunk.

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Answer: In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.



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The owner of a golf course in Georgia was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help.

He called her into his office and said, "Y'all graduated from the University of Georgia and I need some help. If I wuz to give yew \$20,000, minus 14%, how much would you take off?"

The secretary thought a moment, and then replied, "Everthang but my earrings."

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A man in North Carolina had a flat tire, pulled off on the side of the road, and proceded to put a bouquet of flowers in front of the car and one behind it. then he got back in the car to wait.

A State Trooper studied the scene as he drove by, and was so curious he turned around and went back. He asked the fellow what the problem was. The man replied, "I got a flat tahr."

The Trooper asked, "But what's with the flowers?"

The man responded, "When you break down they tell you to put flares in the front and flares in the back. I never did understand it neither."

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A Tennessee State Trooper pulled over a pickup truck on I-65. The trooper asked, "Got any ID?"

The driver replied, "Bout whut?"

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The young man from Mississippi came running into the store and said to his buddy, "Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!"

Bubba replied, "Did y'all see who it was?" The young man answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license number."

AND NOW FROM IRELAND

Paddy had long heard the stories of an amazing family tradition.

It seems that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 18th birthday.

On that special day, they'd each walked across the lake to the pub on the far side for their first legal drink.

So when Paddy's 18th birthday came around, he and his pal Mick, took a boat out to the middle of the lake.

Paddy, stepped out of the boat... and nearly drowned!

Mick just barely managed to pull him to safety.

Furious and confused, Paddy went to see his grandmother.

Grandma," he asked, "Tis me 18th birthday, so why can't I walk across the lake like me father, his father and his father before him?"

Granny looked deeply into Paddy's, troubled blue eyes and said, "Because ye father, ye grandfather and ye great-grand father were all born in December, when the lake is frozen, and ye were born in August, ya bleedin' idiot!"

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