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CONCENTRATION! TRIVIA NIGHT. MORE PAGE 6.

Brodie's Heroes . . .

VOLUNTEERS HAVE TRANSFORMED OUR CLUBHOUSE

Under John Brodie's Project Management, our clubhouse is now refreshed and ready for our Centenary Celebration launch 20 February 2016.



On behalf of members (and Bridge and Probus clubs) congratulations to all concerned! While many have contributed their energy to this effort, special mention must be given to **David Warren** and **Josef Zazulak** for their ladder and scaffold skills. Not for the faint-hearted!



VALE



H.E.R. JERRAM
20.2.25—2.6.15
His story page 11



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Following the replacement of the pre-war metal tiled roof covering the original clubhouse, a team of hard working volunteers under the direction of John Brodie has completed the repair of the large

number of flaking and damaged areas on the ceiling and walls of the clubhouse and also the repainting of the interior surfaces. The colours were provided by a colour consultant from Dulux and the whole area looks fresh and much more attractive. A large number of good comments have been received from our members as well as from visitors to the club.

The Board completed the development of the Strategic Plan for the club earlier this year and it was presented to members at two Information Meetings in June. There was a very good attendance at both meetings and Rod Henriks did a fine job in making the presentations.

In accordance with the Strategic Plan discussions have been continuing between KBCL and a number of other clubs to see where the future lies for the bowling fraternity. Whilst these discussions are confidential to Board members at this stage I will be making a statement at the forthcoming AGM as to

where we are standing in the latest discussions.

Our greens have been running well and are in good condition. Darren Hargreaves, under the direction of our greens committee, is to be complemented on their good condition and with respect to green 2 its improvement after being laser leveled. The minor drainage work in the car park to hopefully mitigate the deeper areas of flooding is almost complete at the time of this report

The chairs and high table that sat on the existing dais have gone and are now in good use at Hammond Care in Manly. This has increased the capacity of the room for functions and it also provides a separate and more appropriate area for performing artists when they are present. The rearrangement of the tables has made the room more functional and those taking lunch now use the window tables which are in a more pleasant area to fraternise over lunch.

Nominations for next year's KBCL Board are now due and must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 16 September 2015. I encourage any member who wishes to nominate to do so. I also encourage as many members as possible to attend the Annual General Meeting on 10 October 2015 as there are many important matters to be discussed.

Good bowling and best wishes.

Dale McBean

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NOTICE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 10th October 2015
11.30am

Closing date for motions
4th September 2015

Closing date for nominations
18th September 2015

Please refer to the notice board

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PRESIDENT Julie Halliday

We held our Annual General Meeting on 4th August and I have sent all clubs in our District a short list of the newly appointed office-bearers. At the meeting a resolution was passed that in

Clause 23 the Management Committee be amended by the deletion of the term "Match organiser" in clause 23.1 (b) and replaced by the term "Selector". Since 30 June this year, we have had ten resignations including six women who are now social members. For social bowls on Tuesdays we have had on average 12-14 members in recent months but recently we invited the Lindfield Ladies to our social day and the number of players increased to 17. Their President, **Berri Maraney**, is keen to encourage more of their club's women members to play with us on Tuesdays and it is hoped that more Killara women and men will play mixed social bowls at Lindfield on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

I was asked by Berri of Lindfield if our Club would consider combining with Lindfield to form a Pennant team in 2016. **Robin Hey** and I consider that it will be the only way forward for our Club due to the dwindling number of competitive players.

We have completed our Club championship events this year and the Consistency Singles competition is being held soon. All Clubs in our District have been sent invitations to participate in our Spring Carnival.

I represented our Club at the District meeting this month and the President urged all delegates to encourage their respective club members to participate in far more inter-club competitions. *Julie*

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**THE HUNT FOR THE
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Rachael Rayner, 26 year old daughter of John and Lorraine, is "living the dream" shown here aboard *EV Nautilus* off the Galapagos Islands.



Rachael is employed by the **Bendigo Discovery Science and Technology Centre**. Let her tell the story . . .

"The *giant tube worm* was first discovered in 1977 by Dr Robert Ballard, who is on the ship. He is the chief scientist and wanted to return to the site and see what it looked like after all these years.

The giant tube worm is a creature that lives on bacteria. The bacteria create their energy through a process called 'chemosynthesis'. Before 1977, before the discovery of these giant tube worms, we all just assumed that the bottom of the food chain started with plants photosynthesising, making their energy from the sun.

But there's no sunlight down here, these bacteria take chemicals out of hot, rushing water that's been heated up by volcanic activity, taking minerals out of that and using them to create energy.

The tube worms live on the bacteria that's making that energy, and they are one of the fastest growing organisms on our planet.

My job is science communicator, I help people at home know what's going on and can figure out how things are working on the ship.

We have two ROVs on board (remotely operated vehicles), they do the exploring for us. We send them down into the deep and they can be down there for up to three days at a time.

Because they are down there for so long we have three separate watch teams that control the ROVs; we rotate throughout the day, 8 hours every day, four hours on and off.

My job is to answer questions that come online.

If you go to www.nautiluslive.org you'll see a live feed there. When we're diving you can ask us questions, very likely me!

How good is that! Have a look at the WEB site and give me a call."

PRESIDENT Don Buddee

The Third and Final **Bob Sinclair Memorial** Event between Sydney and The Rest was held on 1st August. Sydney victorious 107 to 95 however The Rest claimed the trophy with an aggregate 391 to 345

over the three matches.

The return Steadman Bowl Match against **Killara Golf Club** was held on 4th August at KBC. KBC won by 18 points. KBC won the 1st round by 3 points thus we retained the trophy.

Our Major Pairs has been decided with **Tony Hunt** and **Don Reade** victors. Our Mixed Pairs Champions for 2015 are **Julie Halliday** and **Gof Bowles**.

The Men's Triples has reached the Finals stage. The winning team of the last three years of **Ken Howard**, **Dale Mc Bean** and **Warwick Druce** are still in contention. They will play **Clem Just**, **Rick Edwards** and **Rod Henriks**.

We participated in the Bendigo Bank Community Fours. Teams in this competition comprise both Men and Women but as there is no restriction on the Grading of players we struggle to compete against the stronger clubs.

Our **Jack Harkness** team have won through to the semi-finals to be played on 29th August. We have managed to win this prestigious event for the last two years and we wish our team every success in the matches ahead.

Our team competing in the Mid Week Triples (C Division) were successful in winning their group but were beaten by Dee Why in the Sectional Playoffs. Our Minor Singles and Club Pairs has commenced and it is brought to our members attention that we

have become more rigorous in administering the play by dates.

Our **Lucky Locker Drawer** commenced on 26th August and was well received with **Elaine Morell** our first winner.

Plans have been made to hold our **Annual Membership Drive on Sunday 20th September**. A letter Box leaflet has been produced and **Rick Edwards** is organising Banners and Supermarkets.

Our **Spring Carnival** will be held on Monday 14th September. Brochures have been printed and sent to all clubs in our Zone together with mail outs to all those that participated in our August Carnival.

In an endeavour to attract new members we invited members learning English at the **Gordon Baptist Church** to an introduction to Bowls day on Monday 17th August. We had 41 guests who appeared to have a wonderful time. Hopefully our endeavours will attract new members.

We welcome our new major sponsor **Mary Rossi** who made an interesting presentation on 23rd July. Members are reminded of the importance of supporting our sponsors.



MARY ROSSI TRAVEL PRESENTATION

Once upon a time there was a king who wanted to go fishing. He called the Royal Weather Bureau and asked about the forecast. He was assured there was no chance of rain in the days ahead. So the King and his entourage set out to enjoy his favourite pastime. On the way he met a farmer on his donkey. Upon seeing the king the farmer said, "Your Majesty, you should return to the palace at once because in just a short time I expect a huge amount of rain to fall in this area". The king was polite and considerate, he replied: "I hold the palace meteorologist in high regard. He is an extensively educated and experienced professional. And besides, I pay him very high wages. He gave me a very different forecast. I trust him and I will continue on my way."



A short time later torrential rain fell. The Royals were soaked. Furious, the king returned to the palace and fired the weatherman at once! Then he summoned the farmer and offered him the prestigious and high paying role of Royal Forecaster. The farmer said, "Your Majesty, I do not know anything about forecasting. I obtain my information from my donkey. If I see my donkey's ears drooping, it means with certainty that it will rain." So the king hired the donkey.

And thus began the practice of hiring asses to work in the government and occupy its highest and most influential advisory positions.

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DATE FREE**



**CENTENARY
CELEBRATION**



AUSTRALIAN OPEN
Gold Coast, Queensland 2015

Amid loud guffaws and a lot of scepticism **Brian Shirvington** and **Tony Hunt** travelled to the Gold Coast in June to compete in the Australian Open as presumptuous representatives of Killara Bowling Club. This is the first year that qualification required an electronic transfer of \$100 per person instead of an ability to play well! This meant there were 4000 entrants!!

Their sole sponsor, **Bob Bessemer**, came to the party with \$20 which they drank before leaving KBC. The eager KBC bowlers arrived at the domestic departure lounge the day before their games determined to avoid excess baggage charges taking only 3 bowls each and with one of those on board as hand luggage. Unfortunately their devious plan to fool the Jet Star scales resulted in a \$70 excess baggage charge!

Upon arrival at the Gold Coast airport it was a taxi to the AO headquarters at the magnificent Broadbeach Bowling Club to register. They still disagree about their driver's gender! But hey, they were in Queensland! The format for pairs' entry was round robins within 117 pools of 4 from which the pool winners plus some of the best runners up proceeded to the knock out sections. Play was underway at Broadbeach in half a dozen of the pairs' sections and the competition looked hot. *One 16 year old had the disconcerting habit of touching the jack*

every time he bowled.

Brian and Tony were enjoying a lukewarm pie for brunch at the club when they ran into one of their opponents - the Asian Champions. Brian was able to gain some advantage when he asked Ronny, their lead, whether the little circle or the big one should be on the inside of a delivery. Rain was pouring down but it didn't seem to affect the player's shots - the boys were witnessing some of the greatest players in the game and getting a little worried. The rest is history. If you would like to hear all about it, **just ask them!**



Shirvo, Tony and their mates:
Tee Chiak Chia (Chi) and Chiathai Kanchanakaphan (Ronny)

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FUNCTIONS ORGANISER *Judy McLeod*



On perhaps the coldest night to date we held our second Trivia Challenge on 11 July 2015 with approximately 68 members, friends and families participating to make it yet another successful and fun night.

Shrivo compiled the questions, had the answer sheets and then with his mouth organ had us identifying tunes as another segment of the trivia. How talented is he? We loved his enthusiasm so hope he'll be willing and able to help us again on 24 October!

Bob Bessemer and **Rod Henriks** were experts in selling raffle tickets so we raised more money for our Centenary celebrations which are getting closer - 20 February 2016. One of the children present at the Trivia night, who incidentally is girl captain at L.P.S. won the \$40.00 gift voucher. The \$10.00 wine raffles took no time to sell out so we may have more of them in future.

The overall prize for the night was won by the table of **Brian and Annette Perkins** and guests who kindly donated their winnings back to the club.

Sue, as always was run off her feet doing the bar sales and kitchen orders but as always did so with a smile and her snack food proved popular.

The atmosphere in the club was very happy which indicates the idea of Trivia challenges are popular so we encourage you to come next time and bring those over 10 year old grandchildren with you.

The next social event will be the Foundation Dinner on 18 September so hope to see you there. *Judy*



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Phil Johnson hits four score.



President Julie Halliday with Phil and wife Noelene

After a bout of Pneumonia, Phil was recovered sufficiently to celebrate his 80th birthday with a good Chinese feed. It was the appropriate time to present him with a token of our esteem on behalf of the Club.

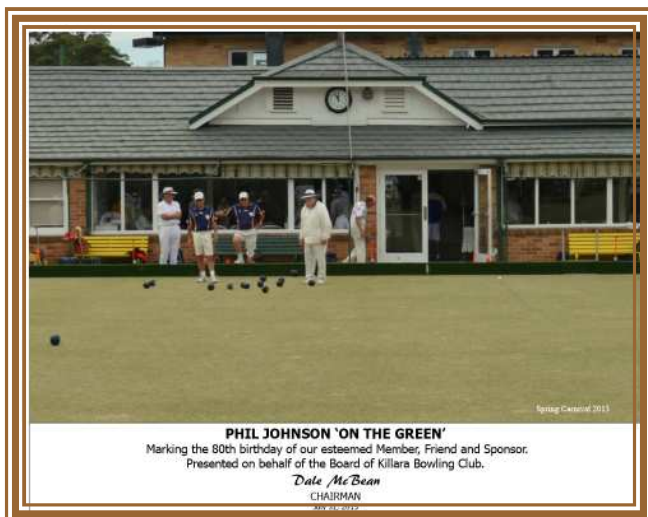
A boy named Hameed lived in a village in Morocco. His classmates disliked him because of his stupidity, and especially his teacher who was always yelling at him: "You are driving me crazy Hameed!" One day Hameed's mother came into school to check on how he was doing. The teacher told his mother honestly, that her son is simply a disaster, getting very low marks and even she had never seen such a dumb boy in her entire teaching career!

The mother was shocked and withdrew her son from the school and moved to another town!

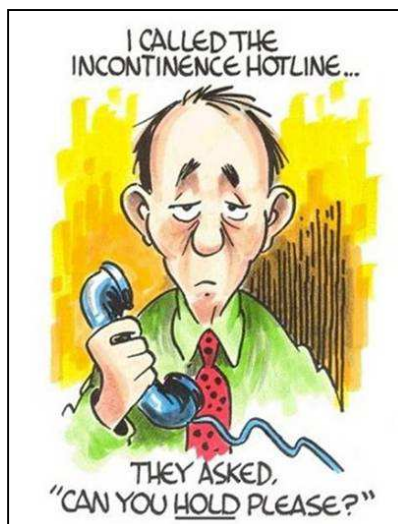
25 years later, the teacher was diagnosed with a barely curable cardiac disease. All the doctors strongly advised her to have an open heart operation, which only one surgeon could perform. There were no other option. The teacher decided to have the operation, which was successful.

When she opened her eyes after the surgery she saw a handsome doctor smiling down at her! She wanted to thank him, but could not talk. Her face started to turn blue, she raised her hand, trying to tell him something but she died! The doctor was shocked and was trying to work out what went wrong. When he turned around he saw our friend Hameed, working as a cleaner in the clinic, who had unplugged the oxygen equipment to connect his vacuum cleaner!

... don't tell me you thought that Hameed had become a doctor ?



PHIL JOHNSON 'ON THE GREEN'
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CHAIRMAN
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W.G. FIRTH : LIFE MEMBER

Graham Firth was recognised with Life Membership and the naming of a green in recognition of his contribution in many roles for some 35 years. Graham celebrated his 100th birthday in our clubhouse which was 'packed out' with 150 guests!

The honour boards record his success on the green, as Singles Champion in 1974, a triples winner and three times winner of the Fours championship. In Club administration, he was Vice-President of the Bowling Committee, Deputy Chairman of Killara Bowling Club Ltd and for many years was in charge of the House and of the Property Committee.

Throughout his life he was an influential leader in every field which has attracted his interest. He spent his working life in the family packaging business, PJ Firth Ltd, founded by his grandfather in 1893 and was its Managing Director from 1946 until it was taken over in 1969. For 15 years he was on the executive committee of the Printing and Allied Trades Association and its President from 1963-5.

A devoted churchman, he was treasurer, deacon, choir member and Sunday school secretary of his local church and held high office for 20 years, including President, of the Congregational Union of NSW.

He served on the executive committee of the NSW Churches

Cricket Association and himself, played in the A grade until he discovered the pleasure of bowls.

A sports lover, Graham became involved with Rugby Union, and

typically filled positions as secretary, treasurer and then President of the Drummoyne Club. He was a founding member of the Sydney Rugby Union and brought his enthusiasm and skills to running the Rugby Union Co-Operative.

Naturally, a man with such high ideals of service was a member of Rotary, first at Sydney Club and later at Burwood where he became President. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and gave particular support to vocational and international programs and the Rotary Foundation.

During his long life, if there was a job to be done, Graham volunteered to do it. He died in 2008 aged 101.

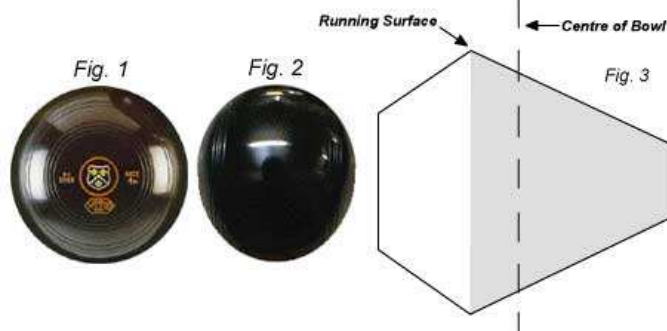
Sketch by Les Cohen 1928-2009
Member 1996-2009



OCTOBER 2006

**WHY DO
BOWLS
CURVE**

Lawn bowls today are made from a hard plastic called *Phenolformaldehyde*, they are perfectly round one way (fig. 1) and oval shaped the other (fig. 2). The bias is produced by making the bowl lopsided (fig. 3), however it is so minute that it can't be seen with the naked eye. When the bowl is delivered along its running surface, there is sufficient momentum to keep it running straight along its course. As the bowl slows down it attempts to find its true centre of balance, forcing it to curve. The running surface of the bowl is the part of the bowl which is in contact with the green when in motion.

Exaggerated View of a Lawn Bowl

Lawn bowl sizes range from size 00 through to size 7. Only 1 to 2 mm in diameter separates the sizes of bowls, the differences are small but considerable when gripping various sized bowls.

Every bowl has an emblem engraved on each side. One side has a small emblem with the bowl's size, weight, serial number & the manufacturer's stamp around it. The other side has the same emblem, but larger. The small side is the bias side. This means it is the side that it will turn towards when in motion.

The shape of the bowl varies among brands and models. The visible differences are small, but play a large role in the behavior of the bowl.



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Two police officers responding to a domestic disturbance with shots fired arrive on the scene. After discovering the wife had shot her husband for walking across her freshly mopped floor, they called their sergeant on his cell phone. "Hello Sarge." "Yes." "It looks like we have a homicide here," he reported.

"What happened?" asked the Sergeant. "A woman shot her husband for stepping on the floor she had just mopped." The Sergeant asked, "Have you placed her under arrest?" "No sir. The floor is still wet."

This morning I was sitting on a bench next to a homeless man, I asked him how he ended up this way.

He said: "Up until this last week, I still had it all!!! A cook cooked my meals, my room was cleaned, my clothes were washed, pressed, I had a roof over my head, I had TV, Internet, I went to the gym, the pool, the library, I could still go to school."

I asked him, "What happened? Drugs? Alcohol? Divorce?"

"Oh No, nothing like that he said. No, no ... I got out of prison!"



A guy walked into a crowded bar, waving a Colt automatic and yelled "I have a .45 Colt with an eight shot clip and I want to know who's been sleeping with my wife?" A voice from the back of the room called out... "You'll need more ammo!"

In order to bring about further integration with the single European currency, the Euro, all citizens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland must be made aware that the phrase "Spending a Penny" is not to be used after 31 March 2015. From this date onwards, the correct term will be: "Euronating". It is hoped that this will be a great relief to everyone. If you have any questions, just give me a tinkle.



A guy sits down at the bar and orders drink after drink.

"Is everything okay, pal?" the bartender asks.

"My wife and I got into a fight and she said she isn't talking to me for a month!"

Trying to put a positive spin on things, the bartender says, "Well, maybe that's kind of a good thing. You know, ..a little peace and quiet?"

"Yeah. But today is the last day!"

An armed robber bursts into the Bank of Italy and forces the tellers to load a sack full of cash.



While leaving with the loot, one brave customer grabs the robber's hood and pulls it off, revealing the robber's face. The robber shoots the guy dead without any hesitation!

He then looks around the bank to see if anyone else has seen him and notices one of the tellers looking straight at him. The robber walks over and calmly shoots him dead too.

Everyone by now is very scared with their eyes staring down at the floor.

"Dida anyone elsa seea my face," calls the robber?

There follows a moment of strict silence. Then an elderly man raises his hand while still looking down and says,

"I thinka my wife caught a glimpse."

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Harry Escombe Ravenhill Jerram**1925—2015**

Extracted from a feature written by George Wall (deceased) which appeared in KBN#7 December 2004.

Harry Jerram was born on 20th August 1925 in Hale, a small village in Cheshire, his only brother Nigel was born 5 years later. In 1930 Harry's Father was appointed Chief Locomotive Inspector of All Indian Railways, one of the largest and best rail systems in the world at that time.

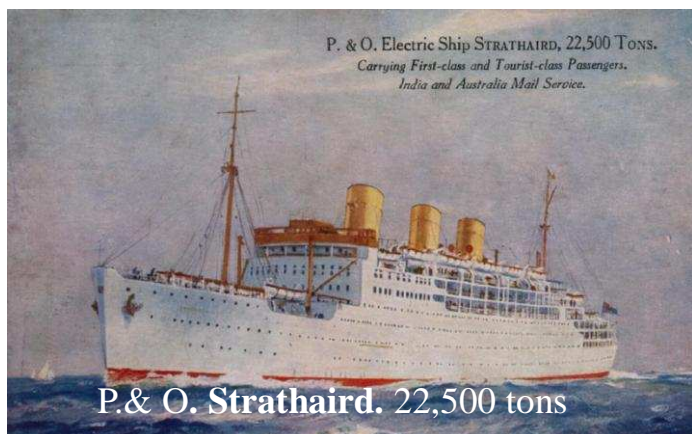
However, the international economy was sliding into the Great Depression causing the family to be divided. Harry remained in England at boarding school. Consequently he saw little of his father over the next seven years.

Harry attended Malvern College, one of the England's old and famous Public Schools. Life proceeded in a normal fashion until the start of WW 2 when the school buildings were suddenly commandeered and the boys were sent to the Duke of Malborough's Blenheim Palace at Woodstock! *Imagine 400 school boys descending on one of the stately homes of England!* A real worry, but Harry assured me they did little damage that could not be repaired.

After a year they were to return to Malvern but the Government again wanted the school for the development of Radar so the boys were sent, this time, to Harrow School in Middlesex.

In November 1943 Harry left school to join the RAF and was sent to an EFTS at Picton in Canada where he gained his wings. However, the great air battles over Europe were coming to an end and the demand for replacement aircrew was growing less so on his return to England, Harry was sent to Lerwick, Shetland Islands where there was an RAF weather station collecting valuable information for metrology units all over the UK. Lerwick was a bleak, inhospitable and isolated place but the work was interesting and rewarding.

At the end of the war Harry was faced with the need of finding work and managed to obtain a position with the P & O shipping line as a Pursers Clerk on the "Strath" class liners that carried passengers between London and Australian ports. Overseas travel, once only for the wealthy, was becoming more affordable and



this attracted both the young and the more mature to set out on this great adventure.

Work in the Pursers Department was constant and varied. In addition to looking after the passengers they did much of the victualing of the ship, keeping accounts, paying 500 odd crew members and keeping port officials onside.

On these voyages, to and from Australia and London, the young passengers seized the opportunity to enjoy every moment and the crew were equally willing to join in and as Harry said "they worked hard and played hard, which was a wonderful life for a young single bloke" This lasted some five years without too much damage to Harry's health until on one memorable voyage Harry was assigned the duty of ensuring that a Mrs. Vicars - the wife of a prominent Sydney industrialist traveling with her two daughters - had a pleasant and enjoyable voyage. This he did however, with the famous aria from the opera *Don Giovanni* ringing in his head .. "My days of philandering are over" .. realizing that his life was about to make a dramatic change as one of Mrs Vicar's daughters, Anne, had made a very deep impression.

Now he had to make some far reaching decisions. To resign his position with the shipping company meant a return to the UK and then another voyage to Australia and return to complete his contract and leave the Company in the UK and get back to Australia as best he could. All this he did, arriving in a strange country without a job and the need to make a new life for himself and his future wife.

Harry had given up the sea and thrown in his lot with the colonials. This meant he had followed his heart so Anne and he were married on 20th February 1954 at St. Marks Church, Darling Point. Their marriage was blessed with four fine children, three daughters and a son all of whom are now happily married.

Harry joined *Switzerland and General Insurance Company Ltd* and a 30 year career in Underwriting and Insurance Broking. He was active in local community activities including Scouts, Rostrum, Rotary and Probus.

He was dedicated to our club and served as *Secretary to the Board*, and other committee

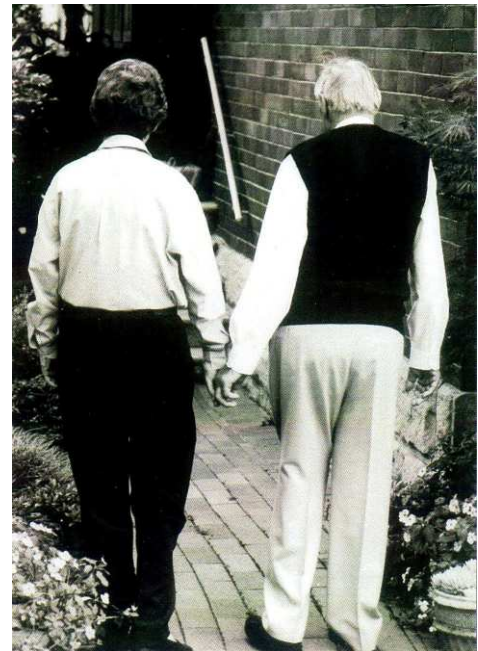
duties over many years.

In his final years he suffered with leg problems which progressively restricted his mobility.

He still loved his bowls and social contact at the club. He never complained and was grateful for any assistance.

A delightful man. All who knew him enjoyed his company.

**BON VOYAGE
HARRY**



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