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President John Rothwell,
 Mayor Jennifer Anderson and
 Team Captain Roy Lawrence

Artarmon's loss, our gain! We applaud . . .
**KWBC PRESIDENT
 LOUISE AMOS**



**WARRAWEE
 TRIUMPH**
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It was a great day in 2014 when three bowlers, looking for a club on the demise of Artarmon BC, decided to visit Killara.

Louise Amos, **Ken and Gnoc Hau** have not only been active and competent bowlers, but have also taken an active part in contributing to the administration of our club with Louise becoming President and Gnoc on the committee for Match and Selection. Louise's first report is on Page 3.



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Dad David and sons Darcy and Zac, enjoy bowls and a sausage sizzle on a well conducted Family Open Day. More on Page 4



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
Dale McBean



At this year's Annual General Meeting to be held on October 14, we will be farewelling four serving Directors from the Board, one of whom in particular, has been a great servant of the club. Those who have not re-nominated are **Tony Hodgson, John Rothwell, Os Watt** and **Yvonne Taylor**. Tony has served as a Director for seven years as well as for 3 years of that time serving with distinction as Bowling Club President and later as Chairman of the Greens Committee. Well done Tony!! All four will all be missed for their knowledge and the generous contribution of their time. At the same time I look forward to welcoming the new members who have nominated as Directors for the forthcoming year and will hopefully serve the club for a number of years.

I was very pleased to see the KWBC elect **Louise Amos** as its new President and a strong committee of new faces. Louise has already started to raise the standard of the women's bowls by taking a number of the players to events at other clubs. The Past Presidents and other past committee members of the KWBC have done a wonderful job for many years, have set the platform for the future and they are to be applauded for their great efforts in the past.

It has been very sad to see the **Gordon Bowling Club** decide to wind up, partly due to the lack of members willing to volunteer their time for the many activities required to keep a bowling club functioning. We have submitted a proposal to the GBC members and would be very pleased to welcome any members who would like to join our club.

Congratulations to **Rick Edwards** for his great effort in making the "Open Day" a success and many thanks to those who helped him by delivering invitations, attending tables at shopping centres and helping on the day. A great effort by all.

I believe we have had a good year at our Club having achieved an increase in overall membership numbers and an increase in income due to greater member participation on the greens.

Good bowling and good health for the months ahead.

Dale



Youth and talent is evident in some of our new members. Indeed, **Scott Laffer** has already been selected to represent KBC in matches against other clubs.



Scott Laffer
Tristan Lau and
Eric Song

Scott also participated in the **Zone 9 Rookies Singles** played at Harbord BC.

Tristan Lau is our youngest member and was introduced to bowls and coached in Hong Kong. Because of his school commitments he is restricted to playing Saturdays. His bowling is of a high standard and he will be a strong contender in club events.



Eric Song is a focused bowler and will also be a contender for our Honour Boards. Scott and Eric were coached and encouraged by **Rod Henriks** and **Gof Bowles**.

A good look for our future competitive prospects.

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**KWBC PRESIDENT
LOUISE AMOS**

I feel privileged to have been elected President of Killara Women's Bowling Club on 26 August at a Special General Meeting when members adopted the WBNSW's revised Club Constitution Version 2.3 and WBNSW's revised Club By-Laws Version 3.3. The other elected com-

mittee members are **Yvonne Taylor** (Vice President), **Susie Meares** (Secretary), **Ngoc Hau** (Chair of Match and Selection), **Tina Hunter** (Chair of Social Functions) and **Elizabeth Calnan** (Delegate to NSDNSW) and I look forward to working with them. When Artarmon Bowling Club was in the process of closing down 3 years ago, Ngoc Hau, **Ken Hau** and I were looking around to find a new club to join. We visited and played at different clubs near Artarmon and found Killara Bowling Club best suited our criteria. We like the culture and atmosphere of the club. We find Killara members very warm and welcoming which made our decision to join them a rather easy one.

After joining the club since 2016, I feel a positive energy coming from our new and keen players. This enthusiasm is supported by our experienced players. This is well demonstrated when Killara field a team for the **Ku-ring-gai Top 9** on 15 September, with the help of two Gordon players which is highly appreciated. We have **Julie Dunn** and **Anne Rands** who have played bowls for less than a year. We also have **Barbara Cotton** who is in her young age of 90 skipping the fours, with our past President **Elizabeth Dokulil** being the lead. We all enjoyed a lovely day and a friendly game of bowls although it is sad to note that this was to be the last time this competition will be held at Gordon Bowling Club. Good luck to all Gordon players with finding a new club.

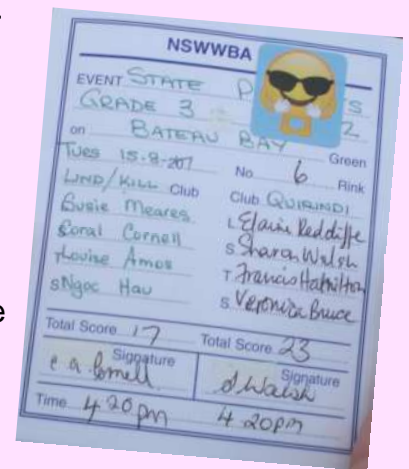
Killara and Lindfield joined forces to field a Grade 3 Pennant team and we were excited to have represented North Shore District at the State Play Off at Bateau Bay in August.

Although we could not win the State title, we all enjoyed this wonderful experience. We will try again in 2018.

Minor Singles will be our last Club championship event this year. Tuesday social day is well supported by Killara ladies who enjoy their weekly bowls and catching up with each other over lunch. Our Spring Carnival was held on Monday 11 September on a lovely sunny day. During the last few months, Killara ladies participated in a number of competitions in our district, namely St Ives Fives, Mosman Alex Macpherson Carnival, Mosman Greenhorn, Belrose 3-bowl triples and Lindfield Peg Staars.

Thank you to various KBC and KWBC members for showing me the ropes, especially **Sue Cleary** who always has answers to my questions. A big thank you also to Barbara Cotton for her continuing effort in organising the monthly cards day. Best wishes and speedy recovery to some of our members who are not feeling well.

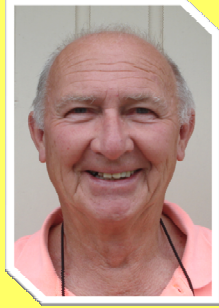
Happy bowling everyone and see you on the green soon! *Louise*



Bateau Bay Bowling Club



While our Killara/Lindfield Pennant Side did not succeed at the State Finals, they bowled well in unfamiliar and very windy conditions. The Bateau Bay Club facilities were impressive and NSWBWA provided good administration. Yvonne Taylor was Team Manager and both clubs had good supporting contingents.



PRESIDENT John Rothwell

Our Spring Carnival was held on Monday 11 September (open to Women's', Men's' and Mixed Triples). The weather was perfect and the Carnival day attracted 30 teams with over 100 people playing or assisting in and around the club-

house. **David Martin** did a great job as convenor assisted by **Bob Hill** and **Josef Zazulak** and David did the draws and wrote up the score cards. We introduced a computer based program for managing the results and David Martin, **John Cameron** and **Geoff Leppinus** manned the roll-up room. Both the traditional system and the computer system for managing the results were run in parallel and produced identical results (a great relief). Many thanks to John for developing the software. Other people to thank are **Louise Amos** and **Ngoc Hau** who sold the raffle tickets. A very big thank you to **Sue Cleary** for preparing the lunch and all her helpers for plating and serving lunch. **Bob Bessemer** is also to be thanked for his production of brochures, entry forms and score cards and photography on the day. We are also very grateful to **Guardian Funerals**, the major sponsor for the Carnival, together with co-sponsors **Gordon Physiotherapy** and **L.J.Hooker Stlves**. It was a wonderful day.

The following Saturday, again in beautiful weather, Killara, winners in 2016, hosted the **Ku-ring-gai Shield**. This is a Council Instigated and sponsored tournament in which the 8 Bowling Clubs within the municipality contest matches in the Lawn Bowls disciplines of singles, pairs, triples and fours.

Warrawee BC won the Shield and the honour of hosting the tournament in 2018. After winning the shield last year, we managed to win only one of the disciplines, the Singles, and that match was enthrall-

ing with **Rod Henriks** prevailing in a real dogfight 31/23. Although the day was between Council elections and the Ku-ring-gai Council's Mayoral elections, the presentation ceremony was graced by the then **Councillor Jennifer Anderson** who was subsequently re elected Mayor. We are greatly indebted to Jozef Zazulak, our Bowls Secretary who led the organising committee to a faultless day's bowling and again to Suzen Cleary who managed the providoring.

The third and final **Bob Sinclair Place of Origin** event for the year between Sydney and The Rest was held on Saturday 29th July. The Sydney teams won on the day and for the year. **Pat Sinclair** presented the memorial painting to **Warwick Druce**, captain of the Sydney team. The Return **Stedman Bowl Match** against Killara Golf Club was held on Tuesday 8 August at KBC and KBC won both on the day 190/84 and for the year. Our regular Lindfield Painting match resulted in KBC again having the indignity of a copy of the painting remaining on our wall. The Zone Midweek Triples was played at both grades B and C this year, 1 team moving up from the C's after winning the flag last year. Although our performance improved as the tournament progressed, we disappointingly continued to experience losses to the end.

Vale Ken Warby who died on 1st August at Terrigal.

Our Membership and Family Open Day on Sunday 24 September was most successful in attracting over 40 visitors and perhaps 12 potential new members. Thank you to you all who responded magnificently to assist as supervisors, hosts and mentors. Thanks also to **Rick Edwards** who has organized a concerted letterbox drop and banner campaign to attract new bowlers to the Club and to Bob Bessemer who has been responsible for designing the letterbox flyer. Good Bowling. *John*

His request approved, the CNN News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight.

He was told a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport.

Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger.

He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, 'Let's go'.

The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off.

Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, 'Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.'

'Why?' asked the pilot.

'Because I'm a photographer for CNN, he responded, 'and I need to get some close up shots.'

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment, finally he stammered, 'So, what you're telling me, is ...

*.... You're **NOT** my flight instructor?'*





**CLUB HISTORIAN
Elizabeth Dokulil**

When Killara Bowling Club was first incorporated in 1919, its Articles provided that the purpose of the Club was to promote

Bowls, skittles and other recreations and pastimes.

When Walter Maling joined the Club in July 1944 the Hon. Secretary wrote in his welcoming letter, 'hoping you will enjoy a pleasant game of Bowls, Cards, Dominoes and Draughts with us'.

Walter paid his Five Guinea subscription and added that it was a pity the Club did not have a little spare space to accommodate a pitch for Petanque, a game similar to bowls and very popular in France. He continued his letter by saying, ' it can be

played on any patch of hard, reasonable level ground about 20 metres long. The bowls or 'boules' are of solid metal, about the size of a cricket ball and are tossed in the air with the object of rolling them to a stop close to kitty. Walter finished with the words that he had noticed this being played at on Club he visited during the Pennant Season.

In October 1989 he celebrated his 87th birthday in his 45th year of membership, having won the Minor Singles, 1947-48, was runner up to the Club Championship in

1951-52, skipped No 1 Pennant Team for Killara and an active Committee Member and Selector for many years between 1950's and early 1960's. Despite his suggestion on first becoming a member, Petanque never became a game at the Club. I wonder how many new members feel motivated to suggest a new game to a club they have only just joined. No harm in trying I suppose.



The rain had stopped and there was a big puddle in front of the bar just outside the American Legion.

A rumpled old Navy Chief was standing near the edge with a fishing line in the puddle.

A curious young Marine fighter pilot came over to him and asked what he was doing.

"Fishing," the old Chief simply said.

"Poor old chief," the Marine officer thought to himself and invited the old Navy Chief into the bar for a drink.

As he felt he should start a conversation while they were sipping their spirits, the young jet pilot winked at another pilot and asked the Chief, "How many have you caught today?"

"You're number 14," the old Chief answered, taking another sip from his double shot of 12-year-old Scotch, "2 Air Force, 3 Navy and 9 Marines."



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An Office Manager at Wal-Mart was given the task of hiring an individual to fill a job opening.

After sorting through a stack of resumes he found four people who were equally qualified: an American, a Russian, an Australian and a Gujarati from India.

He decided to call the four in and ask them only one question.

Their answer would determine which of them would get the job.

The day came and as the four sat around the conference room table the interviewer asked,

"What is the fastest thing you know?"

Dave, the American, replied, "A THOUGHT. It just pops into your head. There's no warning that it's on the way; it's just there. A thought is the fastest thing I know of."

"That's very good!" replied the interviewer.

"And now you sir?" he asked Vladimir, the Russian.

"Hmm... Let me see. A blink! It comes and goes and you don't know that it ever happened. A BLINK is the fastest thing I know."

"Excellent!" said the interviewer. "The blink of an eye, that's a very popular cliché for speed."

He then turned to George, the Australian who was contemplating his reply.



"Well, out at my dad's ranch, you step out of the house and on the wall there's a light switch. When you flip that switch, way out across the pasture the light in the barn comes on. Yep, turning on a LIGHT is the fastest thing I can think of."

The interviewer was very impressed with the third answer and thought he had found his man. "It's

hard to beat the speed of light" he said.

Turning to Patel, the Guy from India, the fourth and final man, the interviewer posed the same question. Patel replied, (in his Gujju accent!)

"Apter herring da 3 prebius aners sir, et's obius to me dat the fastest thing is DIARRHEA."

"WHAT!?" said the interviewer, stunned by the response. The others were already giggling in their seats...

"Oh, I can expleyn sir," said Patel.

"You see, sir, da ader day my tummy was pheeling bad and so I run so fast to the baatrum,, but before I could THINK, BLINK, or TURN ON THE LIGHT, I alredi done it !"

Patel is now the new "Office Manager" at Wal-Mart in Washington.



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EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY

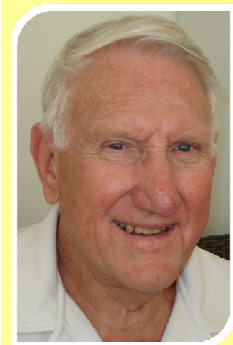
The adoption of technology has been a vital part of our Centenary Refurbishment; preparing our club for the next generation.

Our **Solar Array** is a bold statement and the introduction of **Free WiFi** for members, **Eftpos** and the new **Roll-up Telephone System** have proved very helpful and convenient. These innovations have been enabled by our Board with the initiatives largely driven by **Brian Perkins** and **John Cameron**.

Further evidence of our progress was given in the administration of two recent events: Our 2017



John Cameron



Brian Perkins

Spring Carnival and 2017 Ku-Ring-Gai Shield hosted by KBC this year. Utilising the upgrade to our projection equipment installed last year, and John's computer skills, Game draws, interactive scores and positions were projected in the clubhouse for participants.

Bringing appreciative comments and greatly speeding up the process!

Good job Fellows!

Projection in action.



Killara Spring Carnival 2017

TEAM No.	SKIP	CLUB	TOTAL PTS	POS'N
1	D Reade	Killara	20	
2	H Sato	Composite	20	
3	L Hyde	Warrawee	17	
4	B Mason	St Ives	21	
5	W Kos	Double Bay	24	8
6	J Crocker	Gordon	11	
7	R Stevens	Composite	31	1
8	R Henriks	Composite	25	6
9	D Orbach	Composite	22	10
10	Jenny Anderson	Royal Sydney	7	
11	L Amos	Killara	25	5
12	T Hodgson	Killara	15	
13	J Fergusson	Warrawee	20	
14	K Siva	Mosman	29	2
15	C Lewis	St Ives	15	
16	J Lancaster	Composite	22	
17	John Anderson	Royal Sydney	18	
18	W Tan	Composite	21	
19	F Buttle	Newport	22	
20	J Zazulak	Killara	19	
21	D Sheekey	North Sydney	23	9
22	F Spanick	North Sydney	24	7
23	D Downs	North Sydney	27	4
24	J Rock	Mosman	14	
25	B Faragher	Willoughby Park	15	
26	J Dowd	Harbord	28	3
27	B York	Killara	15	
28	A Krust	Killara	18	
29	K Howard	Killara	14	
30	D Warren	Killara	16	

2017 SPRING CARNIVAL
PRIZE MONEY \$1380
OPEN TRIPLES
Monday 11th September
Two Rounds, 17 ends
Cards called 9.15am
CONDITIONS OF PLAY POSTED AT THE CLUB

Another very well organised and conducted event.

David Martin, Bob Hill and colleagues delivered another successful day, coping with last minute developments which allowed the day to proceed smoothly.

All rinks were full. The weather was good; the greens well prepared.

Suzen Cleary produced an excellent luncheon served with the help of volunteers. Suzy! Some players come just to enjoy that ham 'of-the-bone' meal. I am one of them. KBC teams did not get a prize.

NOT QUITE AS I REMEMBER

Mary had a little pig,
She kept it fat and plastered;
And when the price of pork went up,
She shot the little bastard.

*Mary had a little lamb.
Her father shot it dead.
Now it goes to school with her,
Between two hunks of bread.*

Jack and Jill went up the hill
To have a little fun.
Stupid Jill forgot the pill
And now they have a son.

*Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the kings' horses,
And all the kings' men.
Had scrambled eggs,
For breakfast again.*

Hey diddle, diddle, the cat took a piddle,
All over the bedside clock.
The little dog laughed to see such fun.
Then died of electric shock.



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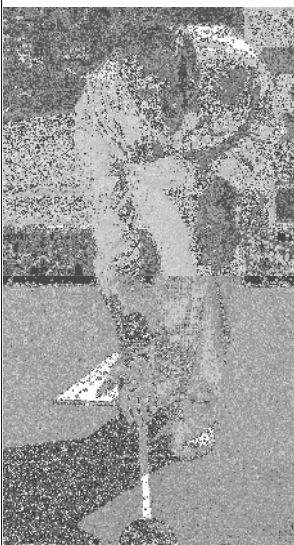
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Bowling Tips!

The Delivery

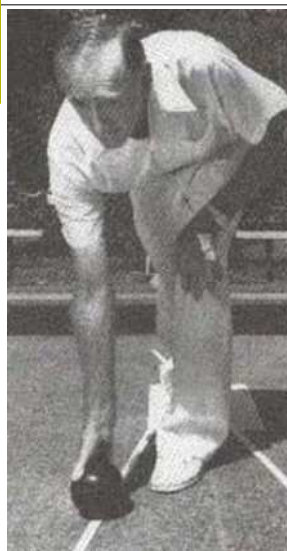
Most of the frustration associated with poor bowling comes from errors in your delivery sequence.

What you do on the mat, and your 'grassing' of the bowl, determines what happens at the other end. You must be entirely in the "present" when you are on the mat, concentrating solely on your delivery. Visualize it but do not be in the "future" and anticipate the result of your delivery at the other end.



*This picture is the delivery of **Bob Purcell** who started bowls at the **Gordon Club**, represented **Australia** in the **Commonwealth Games** and a former Chairman of the **RQBA**. Does your delivery display "the Art of Bowling" to this degree?*

Work on it for your satisfaction and greater enjoyment of the game. The bowl is grassed ten cm in front of the front foot, along your grassline with your elbow and wrist locked straight. Ninety per cent of your weight should be on



the front foot and the back knee bent so that you do not **DUMP** the bowl or bounce it out along the grassline. It is important that you stay down and follow through with straight arm, palm upright over your aiming point with eyes on the bowl until it has traveled seven metres up the green. Then bring your back foot up to the front foot and stand steady in front of the

mat and watch your bowl travel up the green. As your bowl slows move directly back from the mat so that you are two metres behind the mat when your bowl comes to rest. (Law 37) If you move up off the mat or to the left or right, or even raise your eyes to look at the jack, then your bowl will invariably cross the head.

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Bateau Bay



Skip Ngoc Hau delivers at a well attended event.



2017 KU-RING-GAI SHIELD																
	Gordon		Killara		Lindfield		Roseville		St Ives		Turramurra		Warrawee		West Pymble	
	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against
SINGLES	16	31	31	23	31	28	31	18	18	31	28	31	31	16	23	31
PAIRS	10	34	16	28	16	21	28	16	34	10	14	30	30	14	21	16
TRIPLES	15	30	17	30	12	22	30	15	22	12	38	13	30	17	13	38
FOURS	19	13	18	26	13	19	14	27	26	18	27	14	21	22	22	21
TOTALS	60	108	82	107	72	90	103	76	100	71	107	88	112	69	79	106
WINS		1		1		1		3		3		2		3		2
POINTS		2		2		2		6		6		4		6		4
Margin		-48		-25		-18		27		29		19		43		-27
POSITION		8		7		6		3		2		4		1		5



Triumphant Team Captain Roy Lawrence

Patton staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking buddy, Paddy. He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife. He tiptoed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom, but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his rump. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing especially painful. Managing not to yell, Patton sprung up, pulled down his pants, and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of Band-Aids and began putting a Band-Aid as best he could on each place he saw blood.. He then hid the now almost empty Band-Aid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed..



In the morning, Patton woke up with searing pain in both his head and butt and Kathleen staring at him from across the room. She said, 'You were drunk again last night weren't you?' Patton said, 'Why would you say such a mean thing?' 'Well,' Kathleen said, 'it could be the open front door, it could be the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs, it could be the drops of blood trailing through the house, it could be your bloodshot eyes, but mostly it's all those Band-Aids stuck on the hall mirror.'

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and asks the first man he meets, 'Do you want to go to heaven?' The man said, 'I do, Father.' The priest said, 'Then stand over there against the wall.' Then the priest asked the second man, 'Do you want to go to heaven?' 'Certainly, Father,' the man replied. 'Then stand over there against the wall,' said the priest. Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and asked, 'Do you want to go to heaven?' O'Toole said, 'No, I don't Father.' The priest said, 'I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?' O'Toole said, 'Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now.'



G'day Tom san

On hearing that former member, **Tom Takahashi** and his wife **Yumiko**, intended a short visit to

Sydney, it was unanimously decided to invite him for lunch and a game of bowls. He accepted and it was a very pleasant and nostalgic day for all concerned with **Suzen Cleary** producing a delightful lunch for 26 old friends with others 'dropping in' to greet him.

Tom had not rolled a bowl for nearly four year but put up a creditable performance as lead in the LJ Hooker Big Day Triples. No doubt he had a lot to tell Yumiko on his return to the city.

Tom, a member for 12 years, worked for Mitsubishi Corporation for 34 years and retired in Sydney. He was obliged to return to Japan when Yumiko required serious cancer surgery. It was successful and she has largely recovered.

Tom's career and his adoption of life in Australia is interesting. You can easily read his story in a Profile published in Killara BOWLS News No. 42 (Page 8, December 2013). You will find it on our website where we have editions back to 2011.

Emulating the front page picture leading KBN 44 (July 2014, also on our website), we posed another group photograph. We email our newsletters to Tom . . so **Sayonara** good friend!



A good looking man walked into an agent's office in Hollywood and said, "I want to be a movie star." Tall, handsome, with experience on Broadway, he had the right credentials. The agent asked, "What's your name?"
The guy said, "My name is Penis van Lesbian."
The agent said, "Sir, I hate to tell you, but in order to get into Hollywood, you are going to have to change your name."
"I will NOT change my name! The van Lesbian name is centuries old, I will not disrespect my grandfather by changing my name. Not ever."
The agent said, "Sir, I have worked in Hollywood for years...you will NEVER go far in Hollywood with a name like Penis van Lesbian! I'm telling you, you will HAVE TO change your name or I will not be able to represent you."
"So be it! I guess we will not do business together," and left.
Five years later The agent opens an envelope sent to his office. Inside the envelope is a letter and a check for \$50,000. The agent is awe-struck, who would possibly send him \$50,000? He reads the letter enclosed...

*Dear Sir,
Five years ago, I came into your office wanting to become an actor in Hollywood, you told me I needed to change my name. Determined to make it with my God-given birth name, I refused. You told me I would never make it in Hollywood with a name like Penis van Lesbian. After I left your office, I thought about what you said. I decided you were right. I had to change my name. I had too much pride to return to your office, so I signed with another agent. I would never have made it without changing my name, so the enclosed check is a token of my appreciation.
Thank you for your advice.
Sincerely,
Dick van Dyke*



PHIL JOHNSON IS RECOGNISED WITH A 30 YEAR AWARD.

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Phil's career commenced in November 1953, when at the age of 18, he joined a Chartered Accountancy which controlled a small Real Estate Agency Rent Roll. Phil, as well as accountancy duties, was required, each Monday, to conduct a rent run covering streets in Balmain East. He was given a leather briefcase and collected the rents in cash .. individually about 2 to 3 pounds a week those days . . and ended his run carrying up to 150 pounds; no doubt a hazardous undertaking!



It was here that Phil decided that Real Estate

offered a career opportunity and focused on getting his license. His first sale was a weatherboard in Beattie Street Rozelle, which sold for 100 pounds. (compare that with the briefcase!) When the owner of the Chartered Accountancy died, Phil took up a position in a Gladesville Agency looking after Rentals & sales. His first sale was a block of 4 rent controlled units, which sold for 5,900 pounds. He then joined LJ Hooker Head Office then to LJ Hooker Top Ryde in 1958.

Following this Phil joined Gorton Bros at Baulkham Hills, and sold home unit sites all over Sydney. *He also had the good fortune of meeting his future wife Noelene.*

Working and studying hard Phil qualified as a Valuer. Soon after marrying Noelene, the Johnson's bought a RE business in Lindfield called Perce Thomson and operated a very successful business for 11 years.

After selling Lindfield, Phil and Noelene began a franchise association with LJ Hooker and later after saw opportunities in St.Ives. In 1990 they purchased a freehold property and set up their current LJ Hooker outlet and became a prominent force in North Shore Real estate.

In the meantime, son **Matthew** after qualifying in law, joined the firm. He is now Sales Director, and a powerhouse! Phil has stepped back from day to day operations but Noelene still manages property.

Phil! Take Noelene on that cruise!!



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