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Welcome to Killara Bowling Club "The Friendly Club", established for over 100 years. We are well located close to Killara Station and adjoining Killara Tennis Centre. There is plenty of parking for members and visitors.

Lawn bowls is a terrific sport and a great exercise which is suitable for all ages. If you are looking for a new club, please contact us.

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- Play starts 12.30pm

LJ Hooker St Ives Big Day Triples: The jackpot is \$500. Prizes for winning and runner up rinks.

- Call 9498 1851 between 10.00am and 11.00am for a game, individuals or pre-nominated team
- Play starts 12.30pm

Killara take out the 2018 Zone 9 Rookie Pairs

Killara ladies reached State Champion of Club Champions Pairs semi-finals



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NEW PRESIDENT OWEN HOLDEN

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Urged by *Louise Amos* and engineered by our resident computer guru, *John Cameron*, our website has been revised to make it more interesting and informative. It has a contemporary look and is slick and intuitive in use. Members will notice it is no longer "static". Maintenance of the site is now distributed to allow authorised users to update news and photos; this includes honour Boards and announcements. You can even download events on to your smart phone through the [Calendar page](#); *Great work!*



John Cameron



WINNERS ZONE NINE ROOKIES PAIRS
Killara's Scott Laffer and Richard Hinsley. Story page 8.



**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
Dale McBean**

It is with much sadness that we were notified during the Christmas break that *Edwin Burton*, a fine man who had been a member of KBC for many years, had passed away. Ed

would only be known to the older members of the Club but was the chief umpire for several years but had to give active bowls away due to failing eyesight. Our thoughts are with his wife *Alice* and their family and on behalf of all our members who knew Ed I extend our sincere condolences to you all. A tribute to Ed. appears elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The end of year Cocktail Party was attended by about 50 members and their partners and was very successful. *Judy "Party Girl" McLeod* and her helpers did a marvelous job in preparing for and organizing this social function but as usual it was "our *Sue Cleary*" who was there to make the show tick and make sure the caterer did his job. Unfortunately a number of our regular attendees were unable to attend, myself included, who were away representing our Club in Wollongong playing in the State Final Mixed Bronze Division of the Club Challenge.

Our social functions are always good fun and as we are recognized as being the "friendly" club on the North Shore, I encourage you to support and attend them so that you can meet your friends in a non-competitive atmosphere.

Thanks to *Darren Hargreaves* and his staff, our greens and grounds were maintained in excellent condition throughout the year and by adjusting the renovation program slightly we are able to only have one green out at a time.

We have recorded a slight lessening in our actual member numbers over the last year but following the intake of more playing members the number of "feet on the greens" has increased which is an encouraging sign.

Please make sure you introduce yourselves to the new members or any new face you observe around the greens and make them welcome. A number of the new players are playing very well and are likely to bolster the strength of our Grade 5 and Grade 7 Pennant teams from which it appears we may be losing a number of the stalwarts before or during the next pennant season..

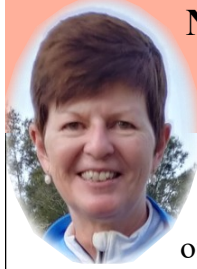
Last year, at the 2018 Annual General Meeting held on October 13, we farewelled one Director from the Board, viz. *Tony Hunt*, but the good news is that he is continuing to be Chairman of Greens for this year. The new Director welcomed onto the Board at our AGM was *Owen Holden* (President KBC) who will keep us informed on the JMC activities.

I hope all members had a pleasant Christmas and holiday season, that you have a happy and successful New Year and enjoy good health and good bowling during 2019.

Dale

**Briefs from KBC Director and Chairman
New Initiatives Committee . . .**

SUSIE MEARES



Jack Attack is Coming!!!!

Jack Attack is an exciting short form of two bowl triples which we will be trialing at KBC in early 2019. It involves two sets of five ends with each game taking approximately 60-75 minutes. The short duration makes it ideal for twilight bowls, for people who are time poor or for those who find 21 ends too long. We are currently considering various options for the roll-out so if Jack Attack is something that you may be interested in, please let *Susie Meares*, *Louise Amos* or *Owen Holden* know. Keep your eye out!!!



New Promotional Brochure

The New Initiatives Committee (NIC) has now developed a smart promotional brochure for the Club. This can be found in the bar area and provided to any visitors wanting to have more information about our Club.



Raffles are Here!

The Club has recently reintroduced raffles on selected Thursday and Saturdays. The experience from other bowling clubs is that raffles make an important contribution to club revenue while providing members with an opportunity to win!! Prizes will be bottles of wine valued at \$15-20 and selected by a certified sommelier, and green fee vouchers worth \$20. As there will be 1 prize for each 10 players (starting at 30), you have a one in ten chance of bagging a prize. That's a good return for your \$5 ticket as well as contributing to the financial wellness of the Club. You must be in it to win it!



New Premium Wine Available

Bottles of *Te Rua Bay Sauvignon Blanc* are now available from the bar at KBC. Grown and vintage in the Marlborough region in New Zealand, this delicious wine has a delicate blend of unique fruit flavours such as passionfruit, lemon grass and gooseberry, with a clean, crisp finish.



Confucius Say:

Before giving someone a piece of your mind, make sure that you have enough to spare.

KWBC PRESIDENT LOUISE AMOS

By the time you read this newsletter, I hope you have enjoyed a lovely Christmas and New Year break with friends and family. Looking back at the last three months of 2018, it has indeed been a very busy few months. We have played at different carnivals

organised by Pittwater, Harbord, Lindfield, Neutral Bay, The Hills Club, St Ives, Taren Point, Pennant Hills, Mona Vale and Warrawee. **Meredith Armstrong, Julie Dunn, Ngoc Hau** and I took home a turkey on 26 November followed by a leg of ham won by **Susie Meares, Julie Dunn, Ngoc Hau** and myself on Friday of the same week. Lucky for some, Christmas lunch shopping was done while playing bowls!

Ngoc and I played in the Champion of Champions Pairs State Play Off in the first week of October at Rosehill Bowling Club and made it to the semi-finals. We totally enjoyed the experience and are proud to have represented Killara in this event. (See page 9 ed.)

Killara women joined forces with Killara men and participated in a couple of mixed competitions: On 7 October Julie Dunn, Ngoc Hau, **Tristan Lau, Rob McDermott, Alan Vine** and I represented Killara at the Centenary Trophy held at Waverley Bowling Club.

Julie Dunn, Ngoc Hau, **Rod Henriks, Scott Laffer,**



Dale McBean and I represented Killara at the State Play Off Club Challenge (Mixed Bronze Division) held on 8 December at Figgy Bowlo. We played in a round robin format against Cronulla Black, Greta Workers and Oak Flats in Singles, 3 bowls Pairs and 2 bowls Triples. We all tried our best, but the oppositions proved to be too strong for us. We will try again next year. Thanks to Dale for stepping in to substitute for **Jozef Zazulak**.

I am pleased to report that we have completed six championship competitions in 2018; Major Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Consistency Singles and Minor Singles, some of which were not played for the last couple of years. You can find a list of 2018 Competitions Winners on our website.

I would like to thank members of the Killara Women's Committee for their hard work in 2018. A special thanks also to Julie Dunn, Susie Meares and **Tony Hunt** for their great ideas, energy and enthusiasm working on developing and implementing processes and projects to make Killara a better club.

Good health and happy bowling to all for 2019!

Louise.





**A NEW SKIPPER
TAKES THE HELM**

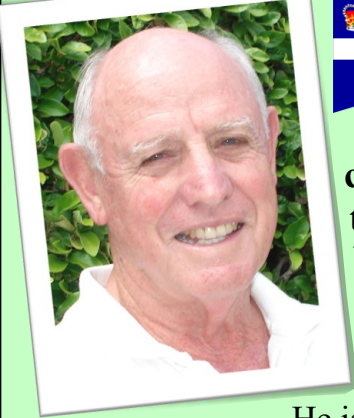
KBC HAS A NEW PRESIDENT
Owen Holden



The nautical reference is appropriate as you may find Owen, during the twilight season, racing competitively at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron where he is a member.

Although, he has mentioned that he has developed an interest in Radio-controlled Model Yacht racing, so he may be opting for a dryer pastime these days.

We are very fortunate that Owen has taken on the leadership role for our bowling programme and as President, he is also a Director on the Board, a member of the Joint Management Committee and Match Committee.



He is eminently qualified. He had a successful career as a Civil Engineer, working generally as a consultant on the construction and maintenance of major buildings and bridges in NSW. He was **President of the Concrete Institute of Australia (NSW)** and remains a **Fellow of the Institute of Engineers Australia**.

Although still a member at **Monavale GC**, he is no longer a regular player which is most likely the reason that he decided to join KBC four years ago. However, he has transferred his enjoyment of competing to his new-found sport taking out the Minor Singles and, in conjunction with **Ian Calder**, the Minor Pairs. AND he is looking forward to the Pennant season!



There is another facet to our new President: he is a 'Sheddie' and a member of **Sydney Northern Beaches Woodturners**. Whilst you and I are frittering away our time on our computer - or watching TV - Owen is making things in his well equipped workshop, literally "turning out" all manner of carpentry. We managed to find a picture of him with one of his creations, a knife made from North American Rock Maple (That's *Acer Saccharum* - often used in the manufacture of baseball bats - for those who want to know the detail.)



Now the most important information regarding Owen: He lives with his wife **Dinah**, in their family home in Lindfield which they bought 40 years ago. They have raised three children, two girls and a boy, who have since scattered to live in other parts of the State and now have 6 grandchildren aged from 6 months to 14years.

Our club cannot function without members who volunteer to 'step-up' and manage our affairs and guide us through the challenges. So it's "all aboard". We must give our ready support and assistance when requested. Owen, thank you ,on behalf of all, for accepting this challenge.

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A MOST IMPORTANT FOOTNOTE.

We must acknowledge and be grateful for the wonderful service given us over the past two years by *Alan Vine* who was thrust 'into the breach'.

He was not wanting. We all watched him 'grow into the job' and increase in confidence. And best, he is still prominent and very much involved in our bowling activities and meetings. We are very lucky!





CLUB HISTORIAN
Elizabeth Dokulil

More glimpses from her research . . .

The Old Club House

The photograph (below) of the original clubhouse shows two adjoining structures.

Each has a sloping roof rising up to a peak with a finial, then down sharply to a gully, then rise again to second peak, also with a finial and finally slope down to the other side.

The tennis players were allocated the east side while the west was used by anyone, there being no Bowling Club when it was built in 1909.

Both have one room 24 feet by 9 feet (7.3m x 2.7m), with a verandah about 6 feet wide (1.8m) in front.

A lawn is in front of each and low, white painted, wooden fences with one rail separate the areas. Another tall, white painted post and rail fence, divides the whole area from the road.

The photo shows a very well kept piece of ground, surrounded by a flourishing garden and a rockery.

This rockery stayed for many years, first under No 1 Green, then later shifted to below No 3 Green. Lack of space saw its demise.



J G Edwards was unusual as a Developer, to set aside such a prime piece of land for communal use. However, this was really due to the fact the area was not suitable for building.

This vision of a Recreation Ground with tennis courts, he felt might entice buyers to come and live in an area with a railway line, but no commerce.

Killara has been fortunate as today it adds to the ambience of the suburb and each club owns their property.

Tennis was the game of choice by residents living on the Upper North Shore and many had their own court. In fact in Wahroonga whole tournaments were played among the locals. It was a hard fought tournament, with the final played at home with a Ballroom, as dinner and dance ended the day's competition.

This snippet was related to me by Mrs Kierle, whose father was a Gillespie and part owner of the Gillespie Flour Mill.

It was there where the final was played due to it's having a ballroom.

Elizabeth



FUNCTIONS ORGANISER
Judy McLeod

It was the last social event for the year on 7 December - The Christmas Cocktail Party.

It was much enjoyed again by 43 members and friends with Sue's ability to produce a lovely variety of finger food, continuously so we all were very satisfied and happy. **Thank you again Sue.**

We have kept the price at \$15.00 for five years or more so it is really value for money considering we even had fresh prawns this year!

Thank you to those members who donated to our raffle because it all helps to make a profit. I was the lucky one this time because I donated a David Jones Christmas cake and won it back! I was so happy because I love a good Christmas cake. We made about \$200 on the raffle

It has been decided by the Board to make some changes to the social events for the coming year. There will be fewer functions but I hope you'll be able to support us for the **Autumn dinner**, Spring dinner (**Foundation Day**) and the **Christmas Cocktail Party**. The dates will be in the **2019 Members Handbook** but there will be changes as we will not be holding an event for Melbourne Cup day and eliminating one dinner mid year.

Wishing you a healthy and enjoyable bowling and social year!

Judy

Ah the beauty of linguistics...!!

I called an old friend who graduated from MIT and asked what he was doing.

He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment."

I was impressed...

Upon further inquiring, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.





TRIBUTE
EDWIN BURTON
*An extraordinary dedication
and contribution to his club
and the sport of Lawn
Bowls.*

Edwin Burton joined KBC in 1986 (as did his wife, Alice) and immediately became active on the green and soon in club administration. He was particularly interested in the finer points of our game had a

distinguished career as an umpire and coach.

He was appointed as Chairman of Umpires and Club Coach of Killara. In the period from 1991 to 2002 he became a National Umpire; a Level 2 Umpire; National Coach ; a Level 2 Coach as well as being Tutor of Candidates for Umpires Certificate.

He was Chairman of Upper North Shore District Umpires Panel from 1992 to 2002 and District Examiner of Umpires.

In the meantime, in 1989, he joined the **NSW Vision Impaired & Blind Bowlers Association** and served as a Committee Member from 1990 to 1999. During that time he served in various senior positions including President and Delegate to the National Blind Bowlers Association and was a Trustee of the Association since 1992.

Following changes to State legislation, he undertook the revision of the Constitution of the NSWVI&BBA to meet the requirements of Dept. of Sport & Gaming to maintain the Association's status for fundraising. His efforts were recognized by the award of **Life Membership of NSWVI&BBA** and the **President's Award from NSW Sports Council** for the Disabled for "Outstanding Contribution to the Sport of Lawn Bowls".

Edwin was not content with being very busy with administration functions; He somehow found the time to organize eight State Championships and the 1993 National Championships, as well as running coaching clinics in country areas from Armidale to Wagga. Edwin's administrative duties did not impaired his skills on the mat. Competing in the B3 Category, he won **5 State Singles Championships and 4 times Runner-up**. He twice won the *NSW Champion Male Player* award as well as sharing in winning 9 NSW Pairs Championships. He also had success at the National Championships, winning a Bronze Medal in Singles, Bronze and Silver Medals in Pairs and a Gold Medal in the Mixed Pairs in 2000.

As a club member, Edwin was always affable and intensely interested in encouraging new bowlers. His eye-sight, never good, deteriorated to the extent that he became legally blind but he never complained and used a monocular and the assistance of the Skip giving directions from the head. He was 90.

We extend our condolences to his Family with the observation that Edwin and Alice exemplify the very best of our club and community. Ed.



FAREWELL MARGARET HERBST

Margaret died at the age of 96 (18th October). She was an elegant lady and active in organising club functions and contributing to catering. She baked a very good cake! She and her husband **Otto**, joined KBC in 1984 and both were enthusiastic bowlers particularly at Friday Twilight and Sunday bowls which were a feature of our program some 10 years ago.



My memory of Margaret always includes Otto. The picture on the left was on the front page of Killara Bowls News May 2012 (#36) at Otto's Hundredth Birthday Party celebrated at the club with their family and members. I recall there was a smaller cake as well . . . *It was also Margaret's 90th Birthday!*

The Herbst story is quite remarkable. Otto was a German citizen posted by Hamburg America Line to Australia in 1939 on the cusp of the outbreak of war; consequently, he spent the war as an internee. Their story is in KBN #35 (page8). And yes! both editions can be downloaded as PDF's from our website. Ed.

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Malcolm's Musings

"JUST A LITTLE PRICK"



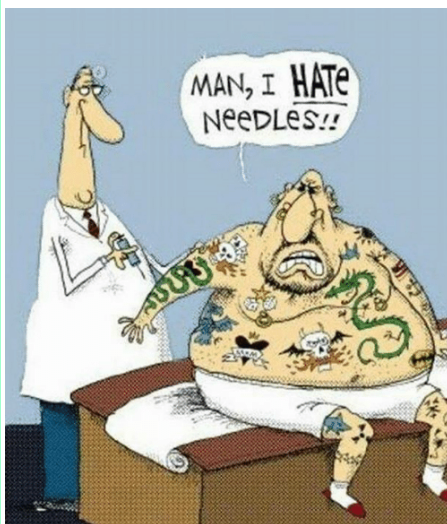
Many words have more than one meaning. Like the word "prick" I was first exposed to it as a junior anaesthetist. I was about to induce

an octogenarian with a twinkle in her eye, and told her, as was my want, "you will just feel a little prick." She replied, "Don't tell me your troubles, young man."

I use little fillers when I am talking to medical audiences to try and break up the science to allow for people with the television induced ten-minute concentration span.

When discussing the *Sydney Funnel Web Spider*, for example, I go on a tour of why it is not a good idea to spray your back yard to kill them.

The reasons are they live underground, I have seen more people hurt by poisonous sprays than spider, there is no evidence that the spray kills them and a possibility that surface spray outside sends the wandering male indoors.. My relief paragraph is "So if you want to kill funnel webs it is best to pour boiling water down their holes." Short pause. "But you have to be careful how you hold them." It usually gets a laugh. In the USA it gets a laugh ten minutes after you say it. The Yanks need time to think about humour that doesn't contain obscenities. Okay, you had to be there.



Some years ago a colleague and I did a study comparing prick testing and intradermal testing in drug allergy in 200 patients who had severe anaphylactic shock to drugs. We found that prick testing was cheaper and less painful, which made it more likely to be successful in children. The results were pretty comparable but it

seemed that intradermal testing was more likely to produce a false positive and prick testing a false negative. We reasoned that in someone who had nearly died from anaphylaxis to a drug the consequences of a false positive were less likely to lead to death, disability and litigation than the consequences of a false negative. This led to a throwaway line in lectures which mentioned the study. "The differences were marginal. We considered changing to prick testing but because of the potential consequences chose to stay with the forearm."

I was reminded of this the other day when a friendly orthopaedic surgeon collared me and said he had a story I could use in my column. I was all ears. There is a drug called "Discase" that people inject into prolapsed discs. It is made from papayas, I understand. When it was released in the USA it caused a certain amount of anaphylaxis. It therefore became advisable to prick test the patient prior to using it to determine if the patient was allergic to the drug. A little kit is provided for this purpose.

Well the other day my orthopaedic friend was going to use some Discase. And when he opened the test kit he found two ampoules of solution and a note saying he should apply a drop of each solution to the forearm and prick. He was amused by this and showed the bright-eyed pharmacist the instructions and said he thought the instructions left a little to be desired.

The pharmacist responded brightly, "I agree with you entirely, doctor. It should say apply one drop of each solution to the forearm and penis."

He told me that he responded by asking how he should test the ladies and she went off to look it up. I suspect that part was apocryphal. I wondered if one day someone will be stupid enough to try to test the family jewels. According to Murphy's Law, the probability is high. Ho hum. I have also used the throwaway "The blood pressure was up and down like a toilet seat at a mixed party." I cannot remember whom I stole that from.

And I have used but have given up because someone in the USA was offended, a line I stole from **Andrew Denton**:-

"There is no scientific data to support this argument. Indeed, the argument is fallacious, which comes from the Latin word "fellatio" which means "it sucks."



"The small neat scar was from the surgery. The long jagged scar is where I sneezed."

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

*Rod Henriks reports our
Rookies Triumph...*



The Bowls NSW Rookies Competition is the pinnacle event for Club Singles and Pairs for players who have less than 30 months of bowling experience. General Conditions of Play include: Singles – 4 bowls per player, 17 shots up; and Pairs – 3 bowls per player, 12 ends; and qualification via Zones through knockout competi-



tions until winners are found.

KBC Members, **Scott Laffer** and **Richard Hinsley**, dominated the Zone 9 knockout competition with **Scott** being the **Zone 9 Single Rookie winner** and Richard & Scott snaring the Zone 9 Rookie's Pairs. Entering for the second occasion since taking up bowls at KBC, Scott demonstrated his consistency both in line and length to work his way into the semis of this year's Zone 9 Rookie's singles. His worthy opposition were three rookies from Pittwater RSL, and the continuation of his consistency gave him a convincing win in the Semi.

Scott started the Final in the same fashion and within a very short time found him-self leading 14-2, only needing 3 to reach the required 17. Singles Finals are however never easy to win and Scott's opponent, Pittwater's **Pat Eather**, began to get his act together. He played some sensational bowls, in particular the on-shot, and got back into the final to be only five behind.

It wasn't as if Scott wasn't playing well. Having picked up a single he got overly ambitious and possibly a little impatient and dropped a two, but was still four in front.

He then settled and put the whole thing to bed with consecutive singles and go out a very convincing 17-

11 Zone 9 Rookie Single's winner and holder of the very impressive **Pymble Bell trophy**, donated to Zone 9 by the Pymble bowling club.

This would be no real surprise to many KBC Members who have witnessed his delivery style and his consistency in line and length. Furthermore, Match Committee members acting as "markers", spoke highly of Scott's performance and ambassadorship of KBC during the competition.

The week prior, Scott Laffer and Richard Hinsley snared the Zone 9 Rookie's Pairs. This is the first year Richard has entered the rookies, and he shall remain eligible for next year's competition. A huge margin in their final round secured the 2018 Rookie's Pairs for Richard and Scott, which was played under overcast skies and showers.

Winning the first couple of ends under the three bowl, 12 end format is generally considered an advantage as it invariably imparts a degree of confidence to the players, as opposed to a slow start and playing negatively in order to hold shots in the hope of catching up.

After three rounds Killara had a margin of 3 points over three sides who were tied for second, however it was their fourth round win by 14 shots which effectively won Richard and Scott the overall point score and competition.

Bowls NSW State Rookies Singles and Pairs play-offs were held at Raymond Terrace BC over the weekend of 10-11th November. Both Scott and Richard represented KBC and Zone 9 in the play-offs for the Singles and the Pairs. In the Singles play-off, Scott unfortunately found himself drawn in the Section containing the eventual winner, from South-West Rocks. He came up against him in the second game, after having a win in the first. Similarly, in the Pairs Richard and Scott also were drawn in the same Section as the eventual winners, from Wangi BC. They were 2nd in the Section, with 4 points, only going down 10-17 in their third game to the eventual winners.



**MADNESS RUNS IN FAMILIES . .
YOU CATCH IT FROM YOUR KIDS.**

**STATE
CHAMPION OF
CLUB
CHAMPION PAIRS**
From page 3

Ngoc Hau (Lead) and **Louise Amos** (skip) played their way into the semi-finals of the 2018 State Champion of Club Champions Pairs held on 2-5 October at **Rosehill Bowling Club**. They had a bye in the first round and played their second round on the morning of 2 October which they won 18:16 over **Wiseman Park**. They returned the following day to play against **St Johns Park** whose skip is a Grade 1 Pen-nant player and won by 21:17. The fourth round took place on the morning of 4 October against **Merrylands** which was played in chal-lenging conditions with heavy and wet green. Ngoc and Louise were able to adapt to the con-ditions better and won by a convincing score of 20:5.

The weather took a further downward turn in the afternoon when Ngoc and Louise had to play their quarter-finals match against **Debbie Kelly** and **Kim Suckley** from Wiseman Park (ex Dapto). It was raining heavily with all players completely soaking wet. However, all 4 players were determined to finish the match and get into the semi-finals. After playing 18 ends, the score was even at 16:16. They had to play an extra end to find a winner, with Killara win-ning by one shot!

The semi-finals match took place on Friday morning, 5 October. Killara was neck-to-neck playing against **Bomaberry** until the 11th end when the opposition team took 5 shots, fol-lowed by 4 shots in the next end. Killara went down in the end and lost their hope of getting into the final.

It was a good effort and great achievement playing at a State level competition.

Great effort ladies!

Mick, Paddy, and Tat are in their local pub having a drink. One of the locals come over to them and asks: "Are you three triplets"? Paddy replies "yes" The local asks "Well how come you and Mick are six foot tall, and Tat is only four foot six?"

Paddy says "Ah you see me and Mick were breast fed, but there was no tit for Tat."



Farmer John lived on a quiet rural highway but as time went by, the traffic slowly built up and became so heavy and so fast that his chickens were being run over at a rate of three to six a day. So John called the local police station and said, "You've got to do something about all of these people driving so fast and killing my chickens."

"What do you want us to do?" asked the policeman.

"I don't care, just do something about those crazy drivers!"

So the next day Main Road's erect a sign:

SCHOOL CROSSING

Three days later the farmer John is back on the phone "This sign doesn't work . .they're driving faster!"

Main Roads erect a new sign:

SLOW: CHILDREN AT PLAY

That really sped them up. Finally, he asked the policeman, "Your signs are doing no good at all can I put up my own sign?"

The policeman said, "Sure, go ahead."

He was willing to let John do just about anything in order to get him to stop calling to complain.

The policeman got no more calls and 3 weeks later, out of curiosity he decided to give the farmer a call. "How's the problem with those drivers. Did you put up your sign?"

"Oh, I sure did and not one chicken has been killed since then. Sorry, I've got to go. I'm very busy." He hung up the phone.

The policeman was really curious and he thought to himself, "I'd better go out there and take a look at that sign ... it might be something that WE could use to slow down drivers."

So he drove out to the farm, and his jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign. It was painted on a an old plank of wood....



LATEST RESEARCH

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains.

Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so, too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full. Researchers say this slowing down process is not the same as cognitive decline..The brains of older people do not get weak. On the contrary, they simply know more.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem, it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

Now when I reach for a word or a name , I won't excuse myself by saying "I'm having a senior moment". Now, I'll say, "My disk is full!"

I have found this re-assuring and hope it has been informative and helpful.





MARY ·
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Wishing Killara Bowling Club members and their families
a very Happy New Year!

We hope that 2019 is a year filled with
fun, laughter, happiness and travels near and far.

*From the Mary Rossi Travel Lindfield Team
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**A NEW BOWLER GRAPPLES
WITH THE VERNACULAR AND
CLICHES OF OUR GREAT GAME.**
*Roving Reporter and Resident
Veterinarian Dr. Tony Hunt*



I took up bowls seriously a few years ago after having had a couple of aborted earlier attempts. I was concerned that I hadn't reached the required age for this game which I had vaguely assumed was a sport for geriatrics.

I didn't even have a Volvo and I was certain I wasn't ready to put a white hat in the rear window of my car.

So it was with not a little trepidation that I slunk into the local bowling shop to buy the requisite gear fearing a golfing mate might spy me there.

Anyway the friend who had convinced me of the merits of lawn bowls picked me up and took me to the club on the big day and hurriedly explained how to play the game and advising me that coaching was a waste of time. (*I can guess who that was! Ed.*)

As I wandered onto the green in my new whites I felt like my first day at school. "No need to worry, just relax" my mate consoled me as he introduced me to a bunch of people who seemed to know what the game was all about because every one of them wanted to give me some advice: "Just have a good time", "Don't worry about winning or losing" "Don't tense up", "It's only a game" and so on.

So off I went - striding straight through the middle of a game in progress and dropping my borrowed bag of bowls onto the neatly manicured grass.

After a minor lecture in etiquette from my friend I was told I was a "lead" and should get Matt down and roll Jack - thinking they were the opposition and the instruction to wrestle with them was just part of the pre match banter. I sat down.

When my turn came my mentor thrust a bowl into my hands and said "put one down" and someone else added "and see if you can knock her up" and although a little confused by these seemingly conflicting, if not rude, instructions and without the aid of the mat I pitched the thing toward the other end (I'd played a little petanque before and knew how to hurl a boule) only to see it bounce sideways and interact with several bowls along the way, apparently crossing 2 rinks.

"Nice" someone said "but you need to take less grass and drop your weight" - more rudeness, I assumed, and a little bit personal, I thought, considering we'd only just met.

Anyway I apparently got one to stay on our rink and someone said "you're holding" to which I replied "sorry about that" thinking I had further transgressed.

Later into the game my skip yelled out "don't be short" as I was about to bowl one. Not knowing what he meant I proceeded to put my bowl about half way down the rink

thinking he can't be unhappy with that considering most of my other bowls had gathered next door. His response was "I said be up" and again I bathed in the warm glow of his compliment. I was further convinced of my use to the team when he threw his hat on the ground.

After my next bowl he issued another thoroughly confusing command of "You need to change your hand and put on a foot" - I assumed he must have thought I had just left rehab after a particularly nasty accident.

But as my confidence built and I slowly picked up some of the lingo I asked our skip which bowl was closest to the jack to which he gruffly replied "the one in your hand!".

After my education about "The shot bowl", "Bloody pineapples" and "The wicked wick" I was a little perplexed when at the end of an end one of our team told the skip "to put it in his pocket".

After tea I was about to go home when my team explained it was only half time.

Finally, as we later headed into the clubhouse for a well-earned drink I asked my skip if we had won - "Won, he exploded, we were lucky to come second!"

Over the years I've studied the strategies, improved my game and met a lot of lovely people and found lawn bowls strangely addictive.

However when I'm with a non bowling crowd I still can only reminisce about the hole in one I nearly snagged or the "5 for" haul I got 30 years ago.

It just seems less dramatic to re-enact that last bowl moving the jack ever so slightly to turn a 2 down into a 2 up - I tried it once to a hushed audience who were more perplexed than enthralled and got the response "your shout, mate".

Tony has progressed well. He participated in winning the Fours and Club Pairs this year.

GISSING SHIELD



The Bowls Joint Management Committee endorsed a change in the Club's Schedule to move the Men's Gissing Competition to start in mid year rather than January. This addresses concerns regarding the availability of players in January due to commitments to other competitions such as the Cyril South, the general absence of members during the holiday period and the availability of rinks

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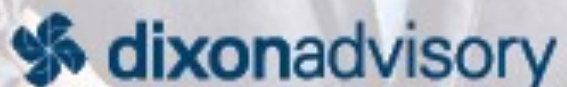
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**I hate it when I see an
old person and then
realize that we went to
high school together.**

A very successful attorney parked his brand new Porsche in front of his office, ready to show it off to his colleagues. As he was getting out, a truck came along too closely and completely tore off the driver's door. Fortunately, a police car was close enough to see the accident and pulled up behind the Porsche with lights flashing.

Before the policeman had a chance to ask any questions, the attorney started screaming hysterically about how his Porsche, which he had just purchased the day before, was completely ruined and would never be the same, no matter how any car body shop tried to make it new again. After the lawyer finally wound down from his rant, the cop shook his head in disbelief. "I can't believe how materialistic you lawyers are," he said. "You are so focused on your possessions that you neglect the most important things in life."

"How can you say such a thing?" asked the lawyer.

The officer replied, "Don't you even realize that your left arm is missing? It was severed when the truck hit you!"

"OH, MY GOD!!!" screamed the lawyer.

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"My Rolex !!"



The Washington Post

The Washington Post's Mensa Invitational once again invited readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are the winners:

1. **Cashtration** (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
2. **Ignoranus**: A person who's both stupid and an asshole.
3. **Intoxicaton**: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
4. **Reintarnation**: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
5. **Bozone** (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
6. **Foreploy**: Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of attracting the opposite sex.
7. **Giraffiti**: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
8. **Sarchasm**: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
9. **Inoculate**: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
10. **Osteopornosis**: A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
11. **Karmageddon**: It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
12. **Decafalon** (n): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
13. **Glibido**: All talk and no action.
14. **Dopeler Effect**: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
15. **Arachnoleptic** Fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
16. **Beelzebug** (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
17. **Caterpallor** (n.): The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.



UPPER NORTH SHORE MARKET REPORT

LJ Hooker St Ives have proudly sponsored Killara Bowling Club for over 6 years. We really enjoyed attending the recent Christmas cocktail party and catching up with everyone.

The local property market has been moving along smoothly. We had a very busy period in the two weeks before Christmas and sold four different properties in this short time (two of these homes sold prior to Auction!). Also we had buyers wanting to inspect homes over the Christmas and New Year period, which is a good indication of the continued level of demand in the market (even over this traditionally quieter period).

The Reserve Bank has assisted with maintaining stability in the market and in its final meeting for 2018 kept the official cash rate on hold. The official cash rate has not changed for 28 months, since it was cut to a record low of only 1.5% in August 2016. Also the regulator (APRA), have recently removed the restriction on interest-only loans, which should bring more investors back into the market this year.

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We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas & New Year. Warmly wishing you good health & prosperity in 2019!

Regards,

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