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So you are reading this last newsletter of 2021. You will find it full of generally good news, humour and happy snaps; No tornados, border tensions or violence here. Although Covid is omnipresent, we are getting back to normal bowling and social activities. AND it's Christmas. Good!

Suzen Cleary put on her chef's hat and worked her wonders on chicken and veal for a Freedom Dinner 18 November. The report is on page 6. It was good.



*90 NOT OUT!
Report page 5.*



Tristan Lau and Jono York, two of our younger bowlers, said "cheese" to the camera at our Christmas Cocktail Party Saturday December 11th. More pics page 7.

VALE



L. K (Lea) McNeill
20.1.39 to 31.8.21
Joined KWBC in 1992.
President 2004—2007



If you plan to decorate your home this year, here is an inspiration!



TRUE STORY:

Outside Bristol Zoo there is a car park for 150 cars and 8 coaches.

There also used to be a very pleasant attendant with a ticket machine charging cars £1 and coaches £5. This parking attendant worked there for all of 25 years, then one day just didn't turn up for work...

"Ho hum", said Bristol Zoo Management - "better phone up the City Council and get them to send a new parking attendant"

"Err no", said the Council, "that car park is your responsibility"

"Err no", said Bristol Zoo Management, "the attendant was employed by the City Council, wasn't he?"

"Err NO!"

Sitting in his villa in Spain is a bloke who had been taking the daily car park fees amounting to an estimated £400 per day at Bristol Zoo for the last 25 years...



Historians in Ireland have discovered what they believe to be the headstone of the worlds oldest ever living man.

He was 193 and his name was Miles from Dublin



Would you like anything on your chips?"

"Does it cost extra?"

"Ten pence."

"All right, I'll have four sausages and a steak pie."

Kids today will never know what it was like to take a ton of pictures



And have to wait a week to find out they were useless



NOTICE TO MEMBERS

**Member Information Session
(All Members)**

Monday, 10th January 2022, 6.30pm, KBC Clubhouse

This is an important meeting about the future of KBC. The meeting will discuss the approach your Board has taken this year, what options have been explored and what options remain. We request your attendance, so you are fully informed and can vote at the meeting the following week. Information in this session will not be repeated at the Vote Meeting of 17th January.

**Vote Meeting
(All Members)**

Monday, 17th January 2022, 6.30pm, KBC Clubhouse

Lindfield second vote for amalgamation

**KBCL AGM
(Full Bowling Members Only)**

Saturday 29th January 2022, 11.30am, KBC Clubhouse

**KBC AGM
(Men, Full Bowling Members Only)**

Saturday 5th February 2022, 11.30am, KBC Clubhouse

*Adrian Meredith
Secretary*

**Laughter is the best medicine.
Or wine.
It might be wine.**



A LAST WORD FROM LOUISE

After almost four months of lockdown, it was great to see everyone back on the green in early October. It was also pleasing to know that our staff and most of our members and visitors are fully vaccinated. Thank you to our COVID Safety Coordinator **Tony Gale** for making sure that there was a process in place to ensure that all members and visitors follow the appropriate steps to keep everyone safe.

Killara Women's Bowling Club held its annual general meeting on 27 November. After 4 years of being the President, I have decided to step down. No nominations were received for the positions of President, Delegate to NSWBA or Chair of Selection / Match and therefore these positions will be left vacant. The only position filled was Club Secretary which is important for keeping the administration of the club going and to ensure that Killara Women's Bowling Club could remain as a registered club with Women's Bowls NSW. Thank you to **Susie Meares** for continuing on as Club Secretary.

It has been my privilege to serve the club. I have enjoyed worked with **Elizabeth Calnan, Julie Dunn, Ngoc Hau, Susie Meares, Anne Rands, Yvonne Taylor** and **Barbara Cotton** (Tuesday social roll up) who have contributed towards the running of the women's club. We also had fun representing Killara at different carnivals and district events and look forward to more fun in the future.

With the unification of Bowls New South Wales and Women's Bowls New South Wales, we look forward to participating more in the open gender events.

As I am writing this note, I am sad to find that we are no closer to finding a solution for the future of the club. I believe it is important that we come together and be united to find a solution which is best for the club, the members and the bowling community. In doing so, we should keep in mind that we are first and foremost a bowling club.

Merry Christmas to you and your family. Look forward with optimism to a Happy 2022. **Louise**

Louise, over these past four years you have been tireless in your efforts to sustain our club and in the conduct of it's affairs.

You have always done this with outstanding competence, grace and humour.

Your administrative skills will be sadly missed.

Thank goodness we will still have your skills "On the green". ED.

TIDAL

***Cheek to the wind
And hair wild streaming,
Free on the sand
With the gulls screaming,
Out in the estuary strayed
Lost in dreaming
I suddenly find
The forgotten tide
From its sleep emerging
Snide and snarling
Turned on me surging
Eager tongue curling
Pursuing me — nowhere to hide;
Then just beyond
Its grasp fast swirling
I stagger ashore
Chastened and pondering
Still struggling to understand
How I did ignore
Such portents of danger
when wandering
So far from the land.***

Jim Armitage (1929-2021) 2014



BOWLS
NEW SOUTH WALES

WEBSITE LAUNCH

With the unification of associations the websites follow suit and are newly designed to provide easy access and navigation as well as a number of new features. All appropriate information on events, policies, forms etc are available.

bowlsnsw.com.au /



PRESIDENT Tony Gale

Since the last newsletter, social bowls has resumed to 'normal' activity levels for those fully Covid vaccinated, including the **Thursday First National Johnson Triples event.**

Remaining Club Championship matches are progressing well and congratulations to **Tony Hunt** and **Anne Rands** who are our 2021 men's and women's single champions. Unfortunately, NSW COVID restrictions significantly impacted our overall Club Championship schedule so we were unable to commence Triples, Fours and Gissing competitions. Killara had entered a team to participate in the **Roseville Shield** at Lindfield BC on Saturday 27th November, however unfortunately adverse weather caused play to be cancelled on the day. The next inter-club event is the **Langker Painting Trophy** at Warrawee BC on Wednesday 2nd February – a signup sheet is on the clubhouse noticeboard, noting this is a mixed triples event requiring 18 players. Our Selectors will advise team list by late January. This will be followed by the **Tapner Tournament** at St Ives BC commencing 20th February.

The inaugural **Quarterly Super Thursday** event will be scheduled for Thursday 31st March with an attractive guaranteed winner's prize on-the-day to encourage more members and visitors to participate. **First National Johnson has very kindly agreed to provide \$500 sponsorship.** These quarterly events will replace the traditional Spring and Autumn Carnival's which were resource intensive to coordinate and providing minimal financial benefit. The JMC agreed that the **Cyril South** competition should be scheduled for March – June given there is no competing Pennants commitments. Moving forward this will be a mixed event. Invitations will be forwarded to clubs by the Bowls Secretary. BNSW has realigned the bowls year from calendar to financial year commencing 1st July 2022 so there will be no Zone 9 pennants in the March to May period as for past years. A single gender 6 round pennants competition will commence in late August and a 10 round open gender pennants competition will commence in late February 2023. Further details to follow once the Zone 9 Calendar is released. KBC (Men's Club) Annual General Meeting will be convened on Saturday 5th February commencing 11.30am. Nomination Forms for office holders have been placed on the clubhouse noticeboard. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and hopefully a less disruptive year ahead. Happy bowling!

Tony



FBI Assassin

The FBI had a job for an assassin. After all the background checks, there were 3 finalists, two men and a woman. For the final test, the FBI agents took the first man to a large metal door and handed him a gun.

"We must know that you will follow your instructions no matter what the circumstances. Inside the room you will find your wife sitting in a chair. Kill her!!!"

"The man said, "You can't be serious, I could never shoot my wife"

The agent said, "Then you're not the right man for this job. Take your wife and go home."

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about 5 minutes. The man came out with tears in his eyes, "I tried, but I can't kill my wife."

The agent said, "You don't have what it takes. Take your wife and go home."

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions, to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls.

After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman, she wiped the sweat from her brow. "This gun was loaded with blanks" she said. "I had to beat him to death with the chair."



A blonde bought two horses and could never remember which was which. A neighbour suggested that she cut off the tail off one horse, which worked well until the other horse got it's tail caught in a bush and shortened. Our blonde friend was stuck again. The neighbour then suggested that she notch the ear of one horse, which worked fine until the other horse caught it's ear on a barbed wire fence.

Again, our blonde friend couldn't tell the two horses apart.

The neighbour then suggested that she measure the horses for height.

When she did that, the blonde was very pleased to find that the white horse was 2 inches taller than the black one.





Ian Calder and his wife *Alison* joined KBC 2004 . . 18 years ago and immediately became active in club affairs including administration, on the green and socially.
Ian was on the Board and Secretary 2007 to 2010.
Sadly, Alison was taken from us 22 months ago in February 2020.
Helping his father cut the cake is son Tim visiting from Melbourne and staying with Ian over Christmas.
MANY HAPPY RETURNS IAN!



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Our first “post-Covid” function was attended by 35 members and friends Thursday 18th November. The kitchen served up a delicious two course dinner (choice chicken or veal). There were smiles all round!
Thank you John Cameron and Chris Fay for pictures.





How to photo-bomb your own picture





It was great to catch up with the lovely people at Killara Bowling Club at the recent Christmas party. Sue did a fantastic job with the delicious hors d'oeuvres and it was a very enjoyable evening.

The local real estate market has been moving along well, with a higher number of properties for sale since the Covid lockdown ended.

We have had some outstanding results over the past few months. We sold a desirable family

home prior to Auction for around \$500,000 above the vendors expectations. Also we recently had an exciting on-site auction, with a large crowd in attendance in the front yard. We had six registered bidders and 21 bids were made. It sold to a lovely local family who are upsizing from an apartment.

We will be delighted to assist you if you are thinking of selling or leasing your property in 2022 and can provide you with a FREE market appraisal. Also we would like to offer our valued club members a special deal. We will provide FREE marketing (worth around \$5,000) and FREE partial styling (worth around \$5,000), when you Exclusively list and sell your property with First National Real Estate Johnson.

We warmly wish our friends at Killara Bowling Club a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Best of health and prosperity!

Regards,

Matthew and Noelene




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EVERY THURSDAY AT KILLARA
WINNING RINK \$75
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