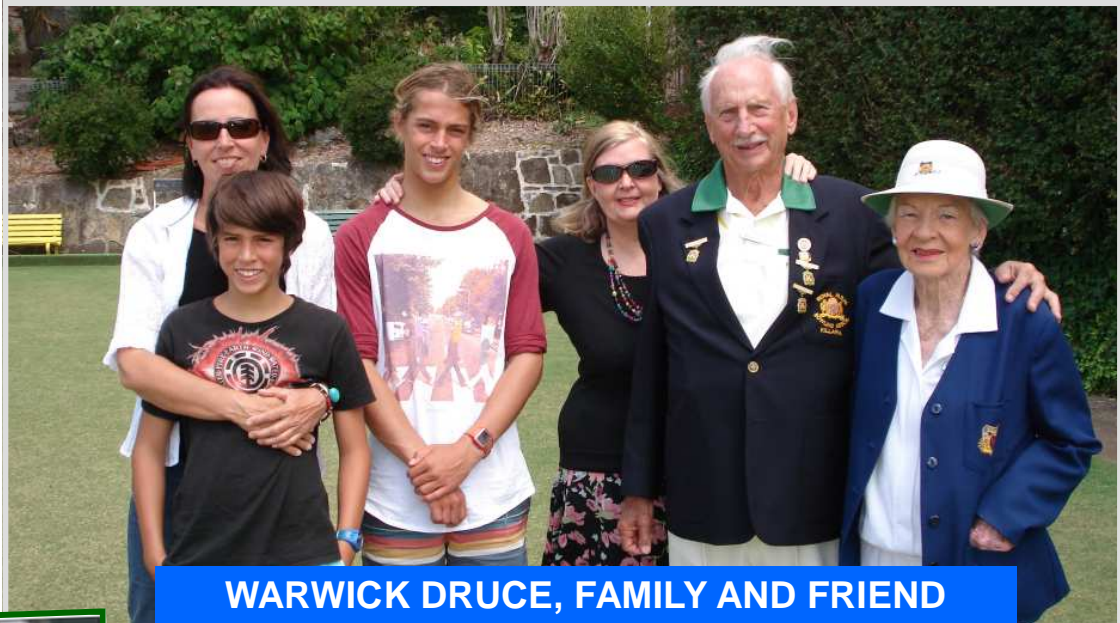




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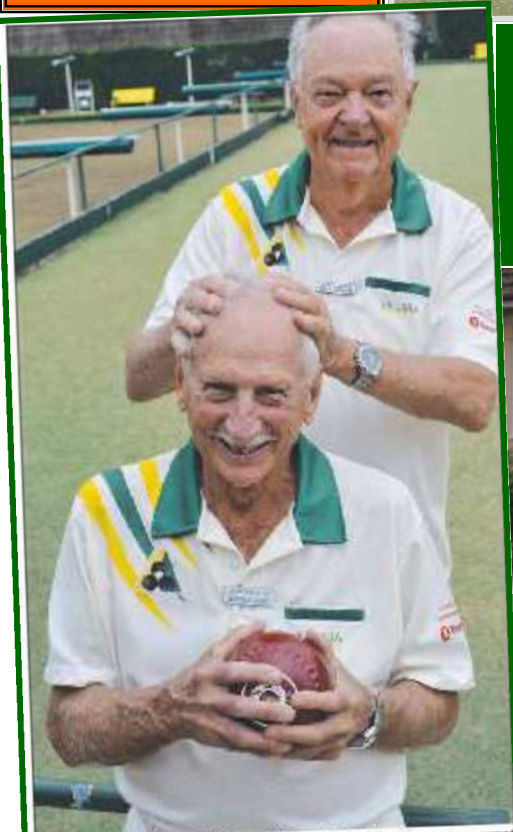
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**WARWICK DRUCE, FAMILY AND FRIEND**

**THE NORTH SHORE TIMES CALLED HIM A  
'LIVING LEDGEND' - BUT WE KNOW HIM AS  
... A "BLOODY MARVEL"!**

The Chairman reports on *Naming the Green* page 2...



Killara Bowling Club chairman Dale McLean with Warwick Druce, who is the green named in his honour.

**Green honour for 'living legend'**

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**\$18,634!**

**ANOTHER  
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IT AGAIN!  
Story page 4**

**THE KBC CENTENARY  
REFURBISHMENT  
FUND, ANNOUNCED IN  
FEBRUARY, HAS MADE  
A GOOD START WITH  
25 DONORS CONTRIB-  
UTING \$18,750 AS THIS  
NEWSLETTER GOES TO  
PRESS.**

The Temporary Honour Board referred to in the Members Briefing is in place and the Fundraising Barometer is taking shape. See Page 5.



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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am pleased to advise the new Board has settled down well and all members are contributing wholeheartedly on behalf of your Club. There has been a change to one Committee since the last report with **Tony Hodgson** succeeding me and becoming Convenor of the Greens Committee and **John Rayner** becoming the second member of that Committee.

The full day function for the Naming of the old Green 3 as the **Warwick Druce Green** was very well attended and was an outstanding success. It was pleasing to see so many members, family and friends at the actual naming ceremony, probably in the order of 120, and of those 90 stayed for lunch and 68 bowled in the afternoon. The Club appreciated the contributions made by the many members who made the day happen and of those we give particular thanks to **Brian Shirvington, Bob Bessemer, Judy McLeod, Sue Cleary, Christine Burke** and **John Muirhead**. Amongst the important atten-

dees were Members of Warwick's family, **Dennis Taylor** (Zone 9 President), **Bob Talbot** (St. Ives BC Chairman and Club President) and **Bob Moran** (Warrawee BC Club President).

The JMC (Joint Management Committee) is now functioning well but with some issues still to be resolved. With any significant change there is always a settling in period. The Board anticipates a improvement by eliminating duplication and unifying administrative functions of the men's and ladies' clubs.

It is appreciated that some members have already contributed to "The KBC Centenary Refurbishment Fund" but if we are to really smarten up the Club sufficiently well to attract new members and new people to hire our rooms we must bolster the amount so that we don't have to draw down our reserves to a large extent. The Board believes it is important that our Club survives as an important community resource on the North Shore and does not go the way of many other Bowling Clubs and disappear.

In conclusion I would love to see an increase in the numbers of "feet on the greens" and all members enjoying and improving their bowling as the year progresses.

Dale McBean

Dale McBean, Dennis Taylor, Bob Moran, Warwick Druce and Bob Talbot.







## PRESIDENT Julie Halliday

A large number of members attended the opening of the **Warwick Druce**

**Green** on 25 January and many women participated in the Place of Origin bowling competition that afternoon. We congratulate Warwick on the wonderful honour bestowed upon him.

Two successful Card Days have been held this year and we congratulate the Bowling Club Women on making a combined net profit of \$652.90.

After seven rounds of the Round Robin Handicap Pairs competition, the winning team was

**Wendy Cooper** and **Julie Halliday**. Also our first and final round of the Fours Club Championship competition was held in February and the winners were **Judy McLeod**, **Shirley Melzer**, **Julie Toth** and **Anne Cowlshaw**.

One Killara team played in the Senior Fours District Competition and we successfully hosted the second round of the Mid North Shore District Open and Senior Fours matches. Many thanks extend to **Barbara Cotton**, **Edwin and Alice Burton** and **Robin Hey** for their untiring assistance.

In February I attended the Umpires Discussion Group and the District Meeting both of which were most informative. The Belrose 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon and President's Day were celebrated on 25 February and the function was supported by many bowlers and I congratulated the Club members on the outstanding manner in which the activities were conducted. Five Killara women attended the Tapner Triples Event at St Ives and I also

attended the Tapner Mixed Fours Competition. The Carnival was a huge success and well patronised and I congratulated the willing band of helpers for their great effort. We held our Friends' Day on Tuesday 4 March. It was a delightful day with seven friends and seventeen Killara women playing bowls and one table of four women playing cards. The popular luncheon for 33 people was prepared by our members who each brought a plate of food providing us with a large variety. Even though we have twelve members who are eligible to play in an Under Fives team in the District competition, we were unable to muster a full team of four players who would commit to playing on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is noted that only twelve players (three teams of four players) in our District comprising nine Women's Bowling Clubs have entered the competition. This is a disappointing statistic. Our Pennant practice sessions have been held on Saturday mornings. I wish the Grade 3 Pennant team of eight players an enjoyable and successful season which commenced on 11 March. We will be playing twice a week and the matches conclude in May. Special thanks extend to the four reserves for the Pennant team. Our Pairs Championship will commence on Tuesday 22 April. Have success on the Green!

**Julie Halliday**

15 March 2014

## APOLOGY MARGARET CARROLL

Please note Margaret is a full member, not a social member. Please adjust your Handbook accordingly.



A woman in a hot air balloon realized she was lost. She lowered her altitude and spotted a man in a boat below. She shouted to

him, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am." The man consulted his portable GPS and replied, "You're in a hot air balloon, approximately 30 feet above sea level. You are at 31 degrees, 14.97 minutes south latitude and 100 degrees, 49.09 minutes west longitude."

She rolled her eyes and said, "You must be a Liberal Coalition supporter". "I am," replied the man. "How did you know?" "Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, But I have no idea what to do with your information, and I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help to me."

The man smiled and responded, "You must be a Labor supporter." "I am," replied the balloonist. "How did you know?"

"Well," said the man, "you don't know where you are -- or where you are going. You've risen to where you are, due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise you have no idea how to keep, and you expect me to solve your problem."

You're in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but somehow, now it's my fault!"





## PRESIDENT Don Buddee

The naming of the **Warwick Druce Green** in conjunction with the men's Prize Giving and

the State of Origin Match was a great success. Congratulation to Warwick!

We were also delighted to Welcome as Guests of Honour **Pat Sinclair** and **Judith Cameron-Smith**.

I endorse the compliments paid by our Chairman to the many who contributed to a memorable occasion.

Our Bowling activities for February / March are in full swing with Cyril South, Lindfield Painting, Warrawee Painting, Steadman Bowl, Gissing, Minor Pairs, Penants and now the Major Singles are under way. With so much activity Play By Dates are proving difficult for some members.

Preliminary discussions have been held for our Autumn Carnival on 18/19 May for men and 23 May for Ladies. David Martin has been approached to convene the Carnival and volunteers will be required for the roll up room, waiters and raffle tickets.

The new playing surface on the **Hillary Moore** green is being enjoyed by everybody and every effort must be made to keep the green in top condition.

Good Bowling,

**Don**

From front page . . .

## Another lovely grant!

### ( OR, THE LEANING STAIRCASE OF KILLARA )

On 12 February we received an amount of \$18,634 from the New South Wales government under its Community Building Partnership Program.

The monies received are to be dedicated to the replacement of the staircase to our number 2 green, which as we are all aware has developed a serious lean to the east. The new staircase will be fully compliant with current safety standards – which the existing staircase is not. Tenders will be sought for the demolition of the existing staircase and construction of the new one based on detailed new drawings: the grant was received on the basis of preliminary drawings.

Once again we are indebted to **Don Reade** and **Ian Calder** who spent a considerable amount of time in developing our submission for the grant. Having obtained the grant, Don and Ian have now handed over their file to the Property Committee ( **John Brodie** Chairman ) which will now have



charge of the project.

Thank you letters for the grant have been sent to the Premier, Mr Barry O'Farrell and to our local State member, Mr Johathan O'Dea.

We will need to send an "acquittal report" to the State Government on completion of the project, formally acknowledge its contribution at that stage, and return any monies not expended should the project come in under budget. **D.R**



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## MEMBER BRIEFING

Bulletin No. 2 March 2014

### KBC CENTENARY REFURBISHMENT FUND PROGRESS REPORT

It is now some eight (8) weeks since the Board mailed all members the details relating to the establishment of KBC Centenary Refurbishment Fund and invited members to contribute. The initial response has been very positive with twenty five (25) members contributing \$18,750 in cash and pledges as this bulletin was written. With raffles and other revenue the barometer (left) is registering just on \$20,000.

Of course, looked at another way, the 25 contributors to date represent just 14.5% of members so we are very hopeful that we have had a good beginning with the best yet to come! This is, of course, a three (3) year program and you can plan your contribution at the easiest and most convenient time for your budget.

#### PLEDGES

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

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Gold	\$500
Platinum	Specific

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

#### RAFFLES

The Board has decided the net proceeds of all raffles and similar fund raisers will be contributed to the Fund. This is expected to raise over \$3,000.

#### LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SPONSORS

We will soon begin our campaign to seek contributions from suppliers and local businesses. We will be seeking your assistance in this project. All contributors will also be permanently recorded on our Honour Board.

#### CONTRIBUTION/PLEDGE FORMS

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

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

Elizabeth Calnan (9498 4827) Bob Bessemer (9416 3386)

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Month in, month out, our ladies meet to play Bridge. Not only do they enjoy their cards, they raise around \$300 each time they meet!

These significant sums are contributed to club revenues and over each year (and the years) amount to a valuable contribution.

Let's hear it for our Ladies!!



### THANK YOU ROYAL NORTH SHORE

This is a story of misfortune and good fortune. Your Editor contracted Pneumonia earlier in this month and was admitted to RNS through emergency for six (6) days.

The great good fortune was that he found himself in an extraordinary modern and efficient institution and under the care of young, dedicated professionals.

Negative press seems to be a constant for health services these days so this writer wished to let you know RNS is a great asset to the health and care of the ill this side of the harbour.



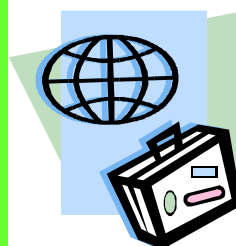
John and Lorraine Rayner really love Chinese food and they insist they have found the best on the Northshore. "If you have been to Kou Kee, as many KBC members have, you know I am right" said John. "If you haven't been there go along and try it," adds Lorraine.

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### COACHING CO-ORDINATOR

*David Hunt*

**Just because the Pennants season is in full swing we cannot stop practicing!**

Continue the 40 Bowls Test as recommended by Michael Beaumont of

Bowls NSW. In addition, particularly the Skips and 3rd players should practise the on-shot with the rebound jacks which are kept in a yellow box in locker 138.

The half tennis balls for the 40 Bowls Test are in the jacks container in the roll-up room.

We shall ensure that there are sufficient cards available in the roll-up room both for the 40 Bowls Test and the on-shot practice.

It is recognised that many of the Pennants players play bowls on more than one day during the week so that it may be convenient to undertake the practise before the bowling sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you need any help please refer to the coaches who may be present namely **Gof Bowles, Rod Henriks, Ric Edwards** or myself, one of whom would generally be at the Club on these occasions.

We note in the Women's Bowls magazine of January/February 2014 that Karen Murphy is the ladies' world champion of champions bowler, she practises every day and still sees her coach regularly – what a bowler.

We are expecting great results from the teams this year and there is no reason why they can't both be at the top of the ladder.

Good bowling and good practice.

*David*

### Stirling Effort by Makeshift Team

A recent match against Gordon, in the Cyril South Competition, was nearly a disaster. Six chosen players, out of a side of 9, were unavailable due to various circumstances.

The absence of these players was only noticed on the morning of the match. This meant that the replacements had to be chosen from social players only an hour or so before play.

These "conscripts" truly rose to the occasion and no, they did not win but they went down to a strong Gordon side by only 7 shots!

A remarkable performance.

Congratulations fellows!

**Ken Howard** – Chairman of Selectors



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Two Irishmen were sitting in a pub watching the Tour de France on TV. Seamus shook his head and asked, "Whoi t'e hell do they do that?" "Do what?" asked Mick. "Go on them boikes for moiles and moiles, up and down t'e hills, round t'e bends. Day after day, week after week. No matter if it's oicy, rainin', snowin', hailin' . . . why would they torture themselves like that?"

"Tis all for the prestige and the money," replied Mick, "You know the winner gets about a half a million Euros".

"Yeah, I understand that." said Seamus, "But why do all the others do it?"







**FUNCTIONS  
DIRECTOR  
Judy McLeod**

**HONOURING  
WARWICK  
DRUCE.**

The function on Saturday 25 January 2014 was a great success and the feedback has been so positive. Thank you all for your contributions in so many ways.

Warwick was the star of the day and enjoyed bowls with his friends and the social catch up afterwards so it all made for a very happy atmosphere all round.

The naming of Number 3 green in Warwick's honour was the highlight and as a result we had a record number of members and guests who enjoyed the ceremony. All up 92 attendees. It has been suggested for the future these events be combined. i.e. Australia Day, Place of Origin and K.B.C. trophy presentations. The higher attendance indicated that this is a possibility for the future.

As always a big thank you to **Sue** in the Kitchen and **Bob Bessemer**. Sue gave us the delicious food she always does and Bob went over and above the call of duty again. The raffle was all profit so the Centenary fund received \$393.70. A great start.

**CLUB DINNER (ST.PATRICKS)**

Once again we held a most successful EVENING on 14 March and were delighted the attendance doubled that of two years ago and increased by over twenty from last year. Thank you all so much for this support..

Of course, a major contributor is the much higher standard of food and service. **Sue** prepared the main meal of porcini mushrooms, chilli and garlic marinated beef and judging by the clean plates at the finish of the meal there was absolutely no wastage and I hope no-one went home hungry! Perhaps it was an indication it was so delicious! Well done again Sue.



Club we may have to call on them again!

Many guests kept the St Patrick's theme by wearing green in one

form another and need I mention our Chairman's tie. *Wow. Shades needed!*

Shirvo loves the mike and did a great job again as Master of Ceremonies for which I thank him and all those other willing helpers who make the night such a success and my job so pleasurable.



Our guest this year '**Peter the Poet**' entertained with stories and poems with an Australian/Irish flavour but the tribute for the entertainment must surely go to **Christine Burke** and **Shirvo**.

Christine very kindly tinkled the ivories throughout the evening and after we'd all sung Auld Lang Syne she played some very old popular favourites such as Galway Bay, Danny Boy etc and was accompanied by Shirvo on his mouth organ. We have such talent within the







John Muirhead

## WEST OF THE WALL.. A SALUTARY TALE...

Members will have noticed that the concrete block wall near the North West corner of the **Hilarie Moore Green** has been rebuilt recently and some new shrubs have been planted to replace those that were damaged by the builder during operations next door.

In 2009 the Club noticed the concrete block retaining wall for the elevated garden of our neighbour's home was badly cracked, and the fault spreading and endangering a collapse on to our land. It was clear that it would damage our camellia hedge and also that it presented a considerable hazard to our members and property if allowed to fall.

The Board of that time decided the matter had to be addressed and asked an Engineer member to deal with it. In September 2009, the Club invited the owners, Dr and Mrs Schamshula, with their Engineer, to inspect the wall from our side and at their convenience. There was no response. The deterioration of the wall accelerated, with concrete blocks breaking and falling on to our land and with no sign of any action from our neighbours.

The Club decided that consideration for the safety of our members and property required it to take action and so in February 2011 it wrote to the Council requesting that they issue a demolition order pursuant to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act. Council inspected the wall, agreed on its condition and issued a letter of intention to issue a demolition order.

This resulted in a letter to the Club from the Schamshulas that we received in May 2011, containing numerous quotations amounting to about \$20,000 and stating:-

".....notwithstanding my legal position to require the Club meet all costs associated with the repair of the retaining wall ..... I will share equally the relevant costs".

The above sum did not include the fees of their Engi-

neer that they claimed should be shared also. Clearly there were now legal aspects to the matter so a lawyer member was co-opted to consider the best approach. These two Members, who had acted for the Club previously, with expertise in the Law and Engineering, carried out a detailed search at the Council's Offices and established that the Club had not changed the level of its land, as claimed by the Schamshulas, at any relevant time that could cause of the requirement for the retaining wall. On their advice, in June 2011 the Club responded that it was not liable because the wall had been built by their predecessors, solely for the purposes of the house extensions and elevated garden built in 1992. It had failed only because it had been very badly built.

Our Engineer also analysed the processes for the demolition of the existing wall and the reconstruction of the new

wall and demonstrated that all the work could best be accomplished on their land and from their side - there was no need for access to our land. In the event, all the work was done from their side.

The excavation was made complicated by the discovery that the existing backfill of the wall contained some large concrete slabs. These had to

be broken up for removal and this increased the cost and duration of the reconstruction by many times. However, it was all done at no cost and little inconvenience to Killara Bowling Club members.



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