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Warwick Druce Green in full bloom

THE FINAL STEP! MP 'OPENS STAIRS'

Assisted by Chairman **Dale McBean**, the Member for Davidson, **Jonathon O'Dea**, "cuts the ribbon" symbolising the opening of the new steps to the Graham Firth Green.

Completion of this most successful project began with a grant application by **Don Reade** and **Ian Calder** (\$18,634) continued with construction by **John**

and **Lorraine Raynor**'s son Stephen and **Stream Constructions** and finished with the supervision of **John Brodie**'s Property Committee. The project included Water Fountain, refurbished flagpole and gardens. Mr. O'Dea joined 50 bowlers for afternoon tea and gave a brief address before posing for the group photograph below.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY
NEW YEAR



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The new Board has been busy dealing with a number of internal items with respect to financial matters this year including the expenditure on the maintenance of both our building and greens

and it is proposed that the replacement of the metal roof above the original part of the clubhouse will proceed early in the New Year. The recent heavy rains have penetrated into the building in a number of locations and if this repair is not carried out permanent damage will result which will lessen our chance of obtaining new hirers for our main room. The Board has also been progressing the development of a strategic plan for the Club and we hope to have this finalised in the not too distant future.

There have been a few recent notable improvements around the Greens with the new "bubblers" proving to be a great success and a lot of good comments being made during the recent very hot weather about the nice cold water. You will have also noticed that the old shades on the south side of Green 1, which were dangerous and would turn inside out with a high wind, have been replaced and that new shades have been installed on the west side of Green 3 to replace the umbrellas that were never very successful.

A very successful opening of the new stairs beside Green 1 was held recently with Mr. Jonathon O'Dea, member for Davidson, officiating and cutting the ribbon. It was good to so many members and visitors present on the day to show our appreciation for the grant from the NSW Government to construct the stairs.

I was very pleased to see the increase in numbers at our Christmas cocktail party and in particular to see a number of new members with their wives. There were over 70 acceptances and great credit goes to **Judy McLeod, Christine Burke, Warwick Druce, Sue Cleary** and the many helpers who make our social events successful.

It has also been good to see a small increase in our playing numbers on the mixed bowling days, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays but "more feet on the Greens" must be our catch-cry if we are to increase our income. We all want our Club to survive but it cannot do so if we don't increase our playing numbers substantially and it is certainly not economical to have paid staff in the clubhouse to cater for only a few people on other days. Think about what you can do to help this situation.

We have been pleased to welcome a number of new members recently, seven in the last 2 months, and it is pleasing to see them participating and playing well. Please make them welcome and I am sure you will enjoy their company.

I wish you and your families a Happy and Joyous Christmas and hope that you enjoy good health and much happiness in the coming year.

Good bowling and best wishes.

Dale McBean



Patricia Tan, contributing skill and grace to our Thursday Big Day LJ Hooker Triples.

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PRESIDENT Julie Halliday

We finished the busy year with our successful Christmas function and Trophy Presentation early this month. Unfortunately many members have been unwell and our numbers were down; however, twenty-six happy women enjoyed the luncheon after a rather hot morning of bowls and cards. Congratulations to all players who were awarded prizes for their success this year. May I also take this opportunity to thank my Management Committee members, **Robin, Barbara and Alice Burton** and her Social Committee members, for their fine contributions that day and throughout the past twelve months.

Our Selectors have also worked hard and I sincerely thank them for their efforts.

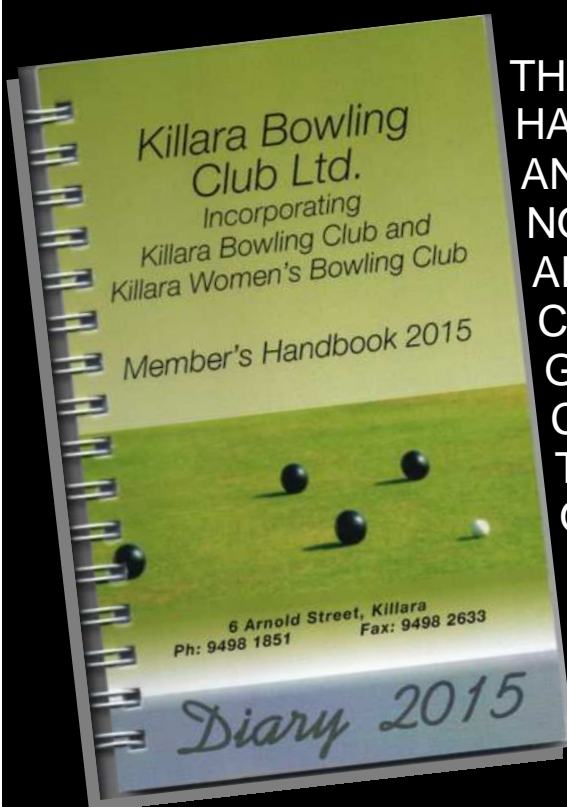
This month our Mid North Shore District merged with the Lower North Shore District to form the North Shore District Women's Bowling Association and **Bil-lie Maas** is the District's new President. She is to be commended for her outstanding effort to bring the merger to a popular conclusion.

Practice sessions have taken place on Friday mornings and these will continue from Friday 9 January. Those interested in playing pennants will certainly benefit from the morning sessions. Should our women bowlers wish to play during our recess in the social competitions to be arranged by Killara Bowling Club they will be most welcome.

I extend my warm wishes to you all for the Festive Season.

Julie

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COUNCIL CARRIES THE CAN FOR KBC

Once again our thanks go out to the Ku-ring-gai Council for still more support for our (Community) club. This time the Council has granted us an amount of \$1,100 including GST for replacement of our existing rubbish containers with a " suite " of new ones.

Our old container friends, particularly the pre war era battery cases, have done the job over the years but we feel they are now due for a well earned retirement. Thanks to the Council and our Grants team we can now get some beautiful new ones.

Don Reade

**PRESIDENT
Don Buddee**

KBC held two Championship Finals this month. **Rod Henriks**

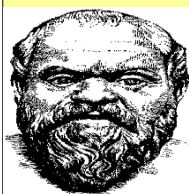
and **Chris Richardson** won the Club Pairs from **Dale Mc Bean** and **Ken Astridge**. It was particularly pleasing to have Chris and Ken in the final as they are newcomers to the competition. The Fours Championship was won by **John Rayner**,

John Brodie, **Rick Edwards** and **Rod Henriks**.

Another great success for **Judy McLeod** and her helpers in organising and conducting the Melbourne Cup Mixed Bowls and Luncheon. Thirty three players and twelve non players enjoyed sweeps, a Spider Competition and an enjoyable lunch. **Bob Bessemer** as Master of Ceremonies was a standout as was **Pat Sinclair** in organising the Raffle. Practice sessions have commenced for the upcoming Pennant competition with players participating in "40 Bowl Tests" and "Running Shot Tests". We have arranged trial games and invited Specialised Coaches to address players. Focused training will improve our playing skills that we will be a force in the Pennants competition.

Compliments of the Season to all.

Don



Keep this in mind the next time you are about to repeat a rumour.

In ancient Greece (469 - 399 BC), Socrates was widely lauded for his wisdom. One day an acquaintance ran up to him excitedly and said, 'Socrates, do you know what I just heard about

one of your students?' 'Wait a moment,' Socrates replied.

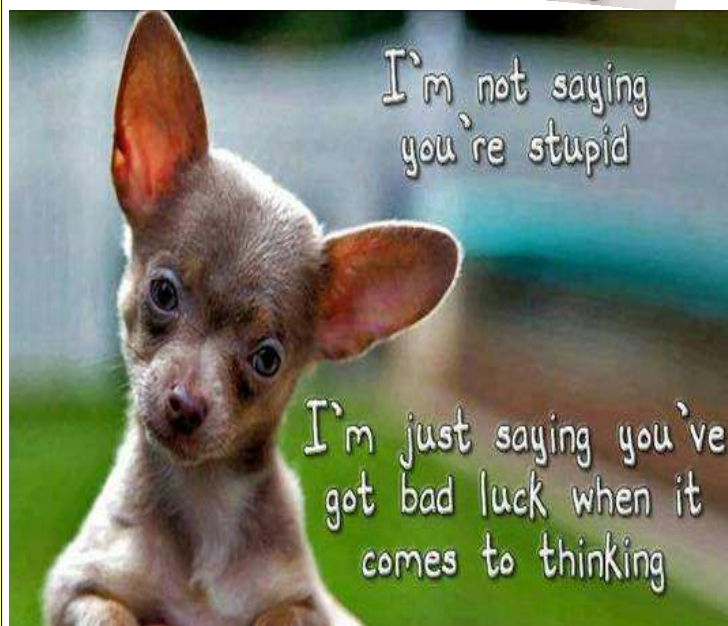
'Before you tell me I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test.

'Triple filter?' asked the acquaintance. 'That's right,' Socrates continued. 'Before you talk to me about my student let's take a moment to filter what you're going to say. The first filter is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?

'No,' the man said, 'actually I just heard about it.' 'All right,' said Socrates. 'So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second filter, the filter of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?' 'No, on the contrary ...' 'So,' Socrates continued, 'you want to tell me something bad about him, even though you're not certain it's true?

The man shrugged, a little embarrassed. Socrates continued. 'You may still pass the test though, because there is a third filter - the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?' 'No, not really...' 'Well,' concluded Socrates, 'if what you want to tell me is neither True nor Good nor even Useful, why tell it to me at all?' The man was defeated and ashamed. This is the reason Socrates was a great philosopher and held in such high esteem.

It also explains why he never found out that Plato was sleeping with his wife.



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FUNCTIONS ORGANISER Judy McLeod

A successful day again of bowls and lunch. Forty five members and friends attended which is an increase of ten on last year. Great! Our sponsors this year

were **Lindfield Pharmacy** and **Pat Sinclair** who donated the raffle plus an anonymous donation of \$50.00 all of which were much appreciated.

The opportunity of dressing "up" or "down" was taken up by approximately half of those present so we may consider making it an annual option. It was very nice to see the prizes going to two new members both of whom made the effort the dress up!

Sue provided her usual standard three course superb meal and takes up the challenge so willingly to try something new which is very brave of her. Some times it goes down well sometimes not!

Thanks are due again to all those who helped to make the day without whom there wouldn't be a Party! **Bob Bessemer** was as usual great behind the mike and kept the party rolling.

Sadly the day in Melbourne was marred by the death of two horses after the race.

It is such a friendly club I hope you'll note in your personal diaries the Social Functions for the coming year and help make it an even better year than this.

Judy McLeod



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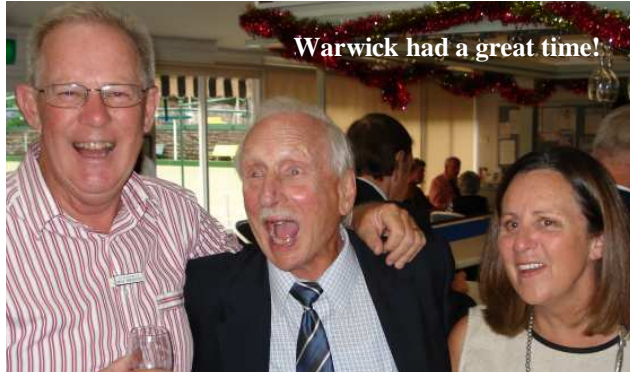
CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY

Once again I want to thank all those members and friends who have supported our social functions this year. It is because of you they are such a success so I hope I will have your continued support as we build up to our Centenary in 2016.

Attendances are increasing with every function. Last year the Cocktail Party was good enough for someone to say they would make sure they came again this year and bring more people which is exactly what they did because we had over 70 attending and they all enjoyed themselves judging by the noise level.

Sue produced a delicious assortment of finger food all night which **Christine Burke** and **Bob Bessemer** graciously delivered to the guests, Sue's daughter **Kate** did a sterling job at the bar and **Ian Calder** collected all the monies so with that and the raffle sales we had a very efficient team. **Dale McBean** was able to bring the evening altogether with a few appropriate words about the importance of us all PLAYING BOWLS as often as possible so the Killara Bowling Club will continue for years and years to come. I want to thank you all again for your support and would like to wish you a very healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.

Judy McLeod



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To all Pennants Players and Aspirant Bowlers:

If you are having trouble
with line or length, go back
to basics:

1. Check that your feet are pointing along the aiming line – not parallel with the mat.
2. As you grass the bowl, stay down until it has gone past your stare point on the aiming line – about 4 or 5 metres out for a medium end depending on the pace of the green.
3. After the bowl has passed the stare point, step up to your leading foot – don't step back – and watch the bowl finish.
4. Before leaving the mat, try and identify a spot on the grass along the aiming line so that you can repeat or correct on your next shot.
5. Watch your Skip for directions and obey – he or she knows best.
6. For Skips and Thirds, if you need a very small correction, ie 1 or 2 bowls – loosen or tighten your grip but do not change your swing. This will take off or add a few centimetres to your shot. Above all, concentrate on each shot, relax between shots and enjoy the game – you shall play better!



Paddy had been drinking at his local Dublin pub all day and most of the night celebrating St Patrick's Day. Mick, the bartender says, 'You'll not be drinking anymore tonight, Paddy'..

Paddy replies, 'OK Mick, I'll be on my way then'. Paddy spins around on his stool and steps off.. He falls flat on his face. 'Shoite' he says and pulls himself up by the stool and dusts himself off. He takes a step towards the door and falls flat on his face, 'Shoite, Shoite !'

He looks to the doorway and thinks to himself that if he can just get to the door and some fresh air he'll be fine.. He belly crawls to the door and shimmies up to the door frame. He sticks his head outside and takes a deep breath of fresh air, feels much better and takes a step out onto the sidewalk and falls flat on his face.

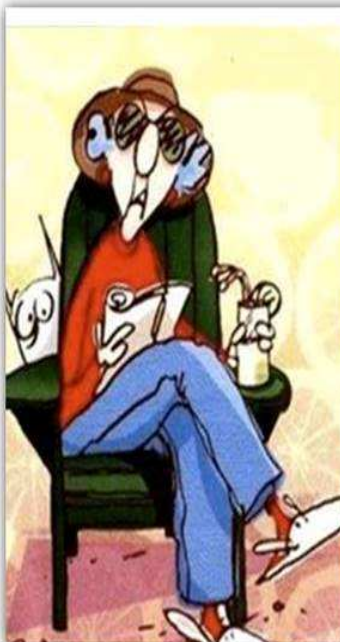
'Bi'Jesus... I've niver bin dis plastered,' he says.

He can see his house just a few doors down, and crawls to the door, hauls himself up the door frame, opens the door and shimmies inside.. He takes a look up the stairs, says 'No bloomin' way. But he crawls up the stairs to his bedroom door and says 'I can make it to the bed'. He takes a step into the room and falls flat on his face. Finally he makes it to bed. The next morning, his wife, Jess, comes into the room carrying a cup of coffee and says, 'Get up Paddy. Did you have a bit to drink last Night ?' Paddy says, 'I did, Jess. I was totally pissed. But how did you know?'

'Mick phoned .. . You left your wheelchair at the pub.'

IT IS A PERSPECTIVE THING

WOMAN	MAN
Do you drink beer?	Yes
How many beers a day	Usually about 3
How much do you pay?	\$5.00 including tip
And how long have you been drinking?	About 20 years, I suppose
So, lets see: 5x30x12 that \$5400 a year!	Yes, that seems correct
So over 20 years would make \$108,000?!	I guess so
Do you realise that if you did not drink so much beer and put the money in an interest bearing deposit, you could have bought a Ferrari?	Do you drink beer?
No	Where is your Ferrari???



Rest Your Mind

I know you have been laying awake at night wondering why baby diapers have brand names such as "Luvs", "Huggies," and "Pampers", while undergarments for old people are called "Depends".

Well here is the low down on the whole thing.

When babies crap in their pants, people are still gonna Luv'em, Hug'em and Pamper'em. When old people crap in their pants, it "Depends" on who's in the will!

Glad I got that straightened out so you can rest your mind.

NEWS FROM JAPAN

Many members will remember our farewell to Tom Takahashi (2002-2014) who left us in April to retire to in his homeland. In email exchanges we have learned his wife, **Yumiko**, has had a serious encounter with cancer. Here is some excerpts from a recent email :-

"Life is totally unpredictable. Yumiko was almost perfect, no symptom what so ever, until she had gastric endoscopy to check whether Helicobacter-pylori (a kind of harmful Bacteria which is commonly exist in stomach of aged Japanese and often cause cancer) was there. Result was not only that particular bacteria but also stage-one cancer developed around pylorus were found. Only option was to have a half of the stomach removed! Were it not developed around pylorus removal of stomach would have been unnecessary. Anyhow I have been pretty busy in looking after her and do all household works and cooking.

Thank you very much for your concern and sympathy extended to us. Yumiko is much better now than a week ago and able to eat a little more volume of food although it is only a third of what she used to have. Doctor told us it would usually take six month before she can eat close to normal volume."

Best wishes Tom and Yumiko from all at Killara B.C.



Tom and Yumiko in better days

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery Store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a coupla blocks and turn to your right." The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle. "Awww, come on... You don't Even know the way to the Post Office."



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A Priest was being honoured at his retirement dinner after 25 years in the parish. A leading local politician and member of the congregation was chosen to make the presentation and to give a little speech at the dinner.

However, he was delayed, so the Priest decided to say his own few words while they waited:

'I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when questioned by the police, was able to lie his way out of it. He had stolen money from his parents, embezzled from his employer, had an affair with his boss's wife, taken illegal drugs, and gave VD to his sister. I was appalled.

But as the days went on I learned that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people.'...

Just as the Priest finished his talk, the politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and gave his talk: 'I'll never forget the first day our parish Priest arrived,' said the politician. 'In fact, I had the honour of being the first person to go to him for confession.'

Moral : Never, Never, Never Be Late

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CLUB HISTORY

Have you ever wondered "Who was Hilarie Moore?"

It would not be surprising given her name is so prominently displayed at the Western end of No.2 green. Well, my memory of her is as a diminutive lady, barely 5ft tall, but she was a powerhouse of energy and a legend at KWBC and KBC.

Hilarie Clare Moore was born at Petersham in 1906. The family later moved to Pymble where Hilarie grew up with her brother Dexter. She was educated at **Abbotsleigh**, Wahroonga. Her father was a Rotarian and in 1920 with a number of other prominent businessmen founded the **New South Wales Society for Crippled Children** now known as the **Northcott Society**.

Hilarie became interested in the work of the society and joined the North Shore Ladies Auxiliary. She maintained an active interest and held top positions in the organisation. Her work was recognised with the award of **MBE** in 1974. She was given a seat on the Board and later became the first woman to hold the position of Chairman. She was President of the Australian Council for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled and for this work she received the **AM** in June 1981.

At the outbreak of World War II, Hilarie joined the **Red Cross Voluntary Aids** and worked at the **Neringah Red Cross Convalescent Hospital** continuously until 1946.

Her social activities included golf at Pymble Golf Club where she became President and later at KWBC. She has held many positions here including President and Patron.

We should also note she was a dedicated and generous member, both in club affairs and financially. She had 'the right stuff' and, together with many others like minds, has brought us to our Centenary.



Miss Hilarie Moore AM, MBE, Patron and Life Member KWBC



THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT

Imagine that you had won the following ***PRIZE*** in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, "Game Over!". It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.



What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL ...

Shocked ??? YES!

Each of us is already a winner of this ***PRIZE***. We just can't seem to see it.

The **PRIZE** is ***TIME***

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
 2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
 3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
 4. Yesterday is forever gone.
 5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time **WITHOUT WARNING...**
- SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?**
- Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life! Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start "spending"....

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LJ Hooker

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