

Centenary Special Telement 20th 20th

February 20th, 2016



PLAQUE AND FLAG CEREMONIES MARK CLUB'S 100TH YEAR.

High cloud provided a fine and comfortable day for more than 200 members and guests who attended the gala occasion of KBC's 100th Anniversary of Foundation in 1916. Greeted by a six piece Jazz Combo, visitors assembled in a pennant festooned marquee, erected on KTC's adjacent court provided with refreshments and memorabilia displays including a photo gallery and large screen video presentation.

Proceedings then moved to the Graham Firth green and with an address by Chairman *Dale McBean*, a Plaque unveiling by Ku-Ring-Gai Mayor *Cr. Cheryl Szatow*, Centenary Flag raising by President *Julie Halliday* with WBNSW President *Robyn Procter* and Centenary Pennant Raising by President *Don Buddee* with Bowls NSW Director *Bob Moran*.



They were simple yet stirring tributes to the men and women who, on a voluntary basis, created and nurtured our club through two world wars, depressions and recessions.

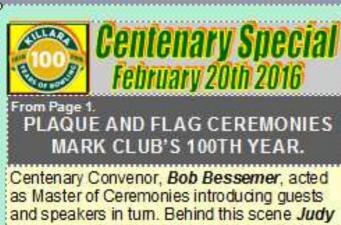
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Main Picture Left to right.

BNSW State Councillor *Dennis Taylor*, Patron *Peter Baume*, MP *Jonathan O'Dea, Robyn Procter, Dale McBean, Cheryl Szatow*, Federal Minister *Paul Fletcher*, *Don Buddee*, District President *Billie Maas, Julie Halliday* and *Bob Moran*.

Jazz Combo from Chatswood High School led by *Josh Glass*.

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and speakers in turn. Behind this scene Judy McLeod and Suzen Cleary prepared the dubhouse to receive and serve a two course luncheon for 168 diners!

The photo montage on these pages will convey: some of the atmosphere and even emotion, of this historic occasion, in the biggest 'turn-out' of members in the past 20 years.









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PATRON PETER BAUME AC DELIVERED THE KEY NOTE ADDRESS AT OUR CENTENARY LUNCHEON, HIS WORDS DIRECTED TO OUR DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.



"Bowls is a funny game.
.you do not want to start
– usually because you
think of it only as an old
person's sport– and then

you do not want to stop. Of course it is not only for old people and most of the champions are very young!

The survival and prosperity of lawn bowls as a sport and recreation requires, among other things, that clubs like this one continue to thrive. This will not happen if too many smaller clubs are forced to amalgamate or close down.

As you have heard, this wonderful club is 100 years old. That is not so special today if you are a person who celebrates their centenary; but for a local bowling club it is special. It is not to say that the people who come here are 100 years old! Although we did have a bowler who was a centenarian and one of the greens bears his name.

We might look as if we are 100. Sometimes we feel like it. But we older people play for fun. We get out in the sun. We have a good time. We are with people we respect and like.

This club is a friendly place. And we really play open selection of teams, unlike some other clubs where the better bowlers stay together for social bowls. To the grumbling discontent of others. More seriously: our Chairman and Presidents have spoken of the wholly voluntary structure of our club; In management and day to day functioning. They

have done a wonderful job and we salute them. The honour boards tell us of the people of past generations whose efforts allow us to enjoy this location and bowl here today.

The problem is that fewer people are playing bowls. Too many clubs are folding; or amalgamating; or being taken over. We do not want any of those things to happen here.

Now the figures are interesting. There were 61 clubs in Northern Sydney at the last census but even as the population is increasing the numbers of people playing this game are decreasing. It is the same Australia wide. So Bowls Australia is not succeeding in marketing this game.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Dale McBean

Our major celebration for our centenary year was held on February 20 and what a great day it was. The weather was kind and the whole proceedings went without a hitch. Our official guests were great and they performed immaculately with the Centenary Plaque being unveiled by Mrs. Cheryl

Szatow (mayor of Ku-ring-gai Council), the Centenary Flag being Of course the clubhouse had to raised by Mrs. Robyn Procter (President WBNSW) and the Centenary Pennant by Mr. Bob Moran (representing the President of BNSW). Our two local politicians, the Hon. Paul Fletcher and Jonathan O'Dea, also were exceptionally good company as would be expected.

As I said on the day, about 18 months ago and without any prompting, Bob Bessemer offered to be the Planner/Convener for the whole of the Centenary Celebrations as well as the February 20 function. The way he organised the day with the marquee, the band and his team of volunteers was amazing and brought our heartfelt thanks. Whilst I won't attempt to name all the helpers I must say that Judy McLeod, Sue Cleary and their helpers did a magnificent job in setting up the clubhouse, the table settings and the food for a very special and memorable luncheon.

Thanks to Darren Hargreaves and his staff, our greens and grounds looked spectacular on the day and were enjoyed by all and especially by the 80 or more bowlers who participated after lunch.

Some members have expressed concern that we may have lost money on the day due to the amount of freebies. Although the day was originally budgeted to be subsidised out of Club funds to the tune of about \$2000, due to their being very few free attendees, the generous donation from Jacobs Creek of all the wine for the day, the donation of the large TV set and VCR from Harvey Norman Gordon, the loan of crockery and cutlery from Warrawee Bowling Club and funds from the raffle the event was almost cost neutral, the loss actually being \$100. So thank you to those mentioned for their generous contributions and great management by Bob Bessemer.

The benefits from the changes to the clubhouse (the new roof, internal painting, removal of the raised platform, high table and chairs, etc.) was made obvious when we found it easy to seat 160 people for lunch with plenty of room for the staff to do their work. John Brodie and his team of volunteers would have been pleased to hear the many compliments we have received for the changes.

Bob Bessemer and John Cameron have basically completed the new website for the club which is both interactive and able to publicise the club to a greater extent. I commend it to you and particularly the photos taken by Janice Glover on the day of our Celebration.

I also thank those members who attended the recent Extraordinary General Meeting for supporting the Board's Resolution regarding the funds held in trust as it clarifies what we can do in the future and authenticates actions by previous Treasurers.

My thanks to all the members for supporting our Club during this Dale year of celebration.

A BIG THANK YOU TO **KILLARA TENNIS CLUB**

Our neighbour not only permitted us to occupy their adjacent court with our marquee for three days but also made this possible without charge! It is difficult to imagine how the day would have been without this facility for refreshments service and shaded seating leading up to the ceremonies.

be closed whilst 168 meals were plated up. There was no room for other than busy staff. And what if it had rained!?

KTC President Tony Veale and Club Captain Ron Heinrich made these arrangements for us. Tony (pictured) and his partner, Oona Harris, attended our ceremony and joined us for lunch.





Oona has a drink and chat with Maurie Battve

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We own all our own real estate. Everything you see here is ours. It was bequeathed to us, bit by bit, by previous generations of dedicated people. That alone makes us different from many other clubs whose location is owned by a council or other establishment.

This club is special. It is worth coming to. It is worth my driving half an hour to get to. It is full of admirable people. Friendly people. People of achievement in their own right. People who have and continue to contribute to our society and uphold our democratic institutions.

Playing lawn bowls looks so easy. Yet it takes so many of us years to be halfway decent bowlers.

So let us look forward to another 100 years. We will not be here. . .we hope! But the people yet to come will inherit what we are doing for them todav.

So let us be proud of Killara Bowling Club."



PRESIDENT Julie Halliday

It was a beautiful day on 20 February! Congratulations to the team for a memorable event. It gave me such pleasure to see *Robyn Procter*, President of WBNSW, present Merit Pins to *Eliza-*

beth Dokulil and **Judy McLeod** for their support to the Club over a number of years.

Our Friends' Day was held last week and we were pleased that it was a financial success. May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank our ladies for the wonderful gift bestowed upon me. It was extremely generous and I shall have splendid memories every time I host a card game in the future.

Unfortunately the extreme hot weather and bad health have affected the numbers of players on Tuesdays recently and we wish those affected with ailments a speedy recovery. Social bowls will continue to be played on Tuesdays and our first Association Club event will be held early in May. From Saturday 5 March Julie Halliday will be competing in the Saturday Challenge with two Artarmon members, *Louis Amos* and *Ngoc Hau*. *Val Riley* and I will be representing Killara on Tuesday in the first composite Grade 3 Pennant team with the Lindfield ladies. Pennant matches will be played twice a week until 14 April.

Wishing everyone the best of health and happy bowling!

Now, that is a nice wine!



Many members and visitors were very complimentary about the choice of wines at our Centenary Celebration. Well, you can enjoy them again. They were:-

Jacob's Creek Reserve Shiraz, Limestone Coast and

Jacob's Creek Reserve Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills.

The choice of wine was made by *Peter Sullivan*, Account Manager of **Pernod Ricard Australia** and were donated expressly for our day. Thank you Peter and **Jacob's Creek!**



THE CRONAN'S COME TO KILLARA!

Playing in a social match during a **Cyril South** Match with Asquith, **John Rayner** found he was playing in a game with a double lead. On the bench watching was 15 year old **Louise Cronan** who was accompanying her father **Greg.** In jest, John said to Louise "Would you like to play?" To John's surprise, she said "Yes!"

Turns out Louise had played in the National Championships in Canberra in 2015 and her team placed 4th in both Triples and Fours! Guess who was MVP in that game!!









PRESIDENT Don Buddee

The year commenced with the presentation of prizes for 2015 together with The Bob Sinclair Memorial Place of Origin on the Australia day week end and KBC Prize-giving took place on the

Australia Day weekend. The meeting was a great success with *Pat Sinclair* and *Martin Mc Murray* as special guests. Unfortunately *Rod Henriks* was unable to be in attendance to receive The lan Cameron-Smith Trophy as Club Champion for the 3rd consecutive year. Congratulations to all the winners especially to *John Brodie* and *John Rayner* who won the Minor Pairs after several years of being Runners-Up. "The Rest" won the Bob Sinclair Memorial Competition.

We competed against Warrawee for the **Langker** painting on 3rd February and for the Lindfield painting on 10th February. We lost to Lindfield but redeemed ourselves by defeating Warrawee. Pennant trials have been held against Warrawee and Turramurra . Our 6's have been successful and our 7's have been competitive. The first Pennant game will be held on 12th March.

Our Cyril South Competition is progressing well with games completed against St Ives, Asquith, Pittwater and Lindfield. We have had two wins and two losses.

Our Internal Bowling competitions are in full swing with the Gissing and The Minor Pairs under way and the draw is on the notice-board for the Major Singles Competition.

We have accepted an invitation from Mosman BC to compete in the **Waterman's Trophy** in April. This event is similar to our Cyril South competition. Our Centenary Celebrations received great member support. The day was an outstanding success and congratulations to all those involved. Merit Pins were presented by **Bob Moran**, Director of RNSWBA to **Rod Henriks** and **Michael Tsolakis**. These awards are the highest that a member can achieve for recognition of outstanding service to the Club.

Good Bowling, Don

OLD CAMERAS?



My name is Frank Wassmann and I am a resident of East Killara and a novice lawn bowler.

I am an avid collector/restorer of old shutter type film cameras, preferably pre-1970's, If anyone has an old vintage cameras I would like to hear from them.

Contact: few8609@yahoo.com.au or ring 0432 330 520

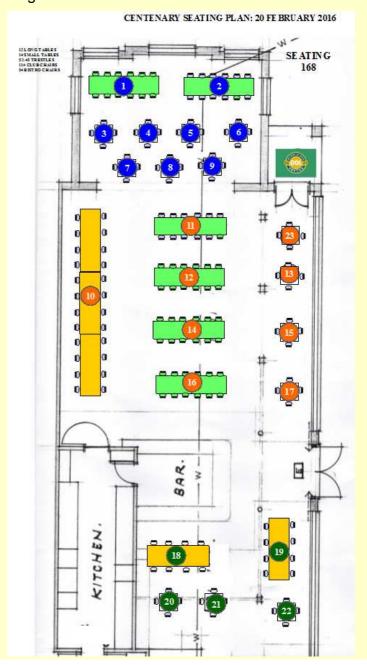
HOW DID WE ALL FIT IN?

The largest social function we have had in recent times was Foundation Dinner 2013 with 92 diners - and it was a squeeze! So how were 168 places set for our Centenary Luncheon?

The greatest help came from the Board decision for our clubhouse refurbishment; to remove the dais and the cumbersome 'Top Table and Chairs', to create a useful function space. This more than doubled seating capacity and made our clubhouse really suitable for commercial hire and/or requiring video presentations as well as club use. A very good call! Relocation of our lounge furniture to the Marquee then opened the space beyond the bar.

The club only has 114 chairs, so the balance was hired. Tables 10 (3 trestles) and 18, 19 were hired with chairs.

Our good friends at Warrawee came to the rescue with additional crockery and cutlery with 80 plus extra settings.







The dynamo at the centre of all clubhouse activity, Assistant House Manager Suzen Cleary, has single-handedly mounted a drive to increase bare foot bowling functions at the club and with great success!

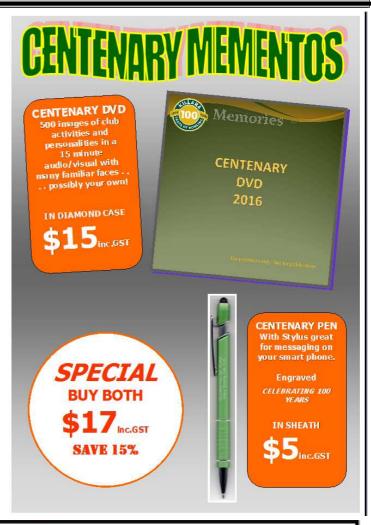
In February there have been three (3) events:-

- Friday 12th, 30 young people grossed
- Sunday 21st* 35 for BBQ and bowls grossing over \$1,000,
- Saturday 27th 27 for BBQ and bowls giving another \$675 gross plus bar takings.

Note that Sunday 21st was the day after the most extraordinary 24 hour effort put in by Sue to accomplish our splendid Centenary Day. That is true dedication.

Often working seven day a week, Sue has decided to take a break and the 'trip of a lifetime' in August to join her son in France. Thank you Suzen! And Bon Voyage in August!

























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THE LITTLE TOUCHES FOR THE BIG IMPACT



The floral display in the clubhouse was glorious and the story of their creation is something all members should know.

The Bensons, friends of this editor and regular participants in our Trivia Evenings, on becoming aware of our 'Big Day' offered to purchase and prepare the flowers.

After consultation with *Judy McLeod* on colour theme and vases, *Judy Benson* and her daughters *Amy* and *Laura*, set off for Sydney Flower Markets at 5.30am Friday 19th and bought sufficient blooms for 33 tables plus 2 formal displays; came to KBC and then spent the rest of the day arranging them. Magnificent! As a bonus, the flowers were still fresh to grace tables at the Friends Day which followed on Tuesday 23rd. *Such friends are treasures*.



Amy, Judy and Laura Beauty beyond the flowers.

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A WONDERFUL GESTURE FROM A FORMER MEMBER NOW RESIDENT IN JAPAN.



Tom Takahashi, departed these shores for the country of his birth in April 2014 after a 12 year membership. This editor emails him our newsletter so he has been following the build up to our Centenary Celebration.

Then, to our very pleasant surprise, on the cusp of our event we received this card and \$500.00 cheque from Tom.

Greetings and Thanks from your KBC friends!!







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Three applicants were being interviewed for a single position on the Texas Highway Patrol.

The detective conducting the interview looked at the three of them and said, "So y'all want to be cops, huh?" They nod-ded. The detective got up, opened a file drawer, and pulled out a folder and selected a picture.

"To be a detective, you have to be able to detect. You must be able to notice things

such as distinguishing features and oddities like scars and so forth."

So he showed the photo in the face of the first contender and withdrew it after about two seconds.

"Now," he said, "did you notice any distinguishing features about this man?"

The applicant immediately said, "Yes, I did. He has only one eye!"

The detective shook his head and said, "Of course he has only one eye in this picture!

It's a side profile of his face! You're dismissed!"

The detective then turned to the second applicant and showed the picture as before.

"What about you? Notice anything unusual or outstanding about this man?"

"Yes"! Said the second. He only has one ear!"

The detective put his head in his hands and exclaimed,

"Didn't you hear what I just told the last applicant?

This is side picture profile of the man's face! Of course you can only see one ear! You're excused too!"

The detective turned his attention to the third and last prospect, a blonde woman, and said,

"This is probably a waste of time, but...."

He flashed the photo for a couple of seconds and withdrew it, saying.

"All right, did you notice anything distinguishing or unusual features about this man?"

The blonde said, "I sure did. This man wears contact lenses."

The detective frowned, took another look at the picture, and began looking at some of the papers in the folder.

He looked up at the applicant with a puzzled expression and said, "You're absolutely right! His bio says he wears contacts!

How in the world could you tell that by looking at his picture?" The blonde rolled her eyes and said, "Well, Hellooooooooo!...

With only one eye and one ear, he certainly can't wear glasses."



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IN THIS CENTENNIAL YEAR, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE SELFLESS DEDICATION OF THOSE WHO BUILT AND SUSTAINED OUR CLUB.

Russell W R Wiltshire 28th President 1988



Russell and his wife, Betty, joined Killara Bowling Club in the 1970's and typical of his approach to life and business, was soon "on the committee". He was Treasurer from 1983 until 1988 when he was elected President. Sadly, his tenure was short. He developed an aggressive melanoma on his face which required him to step down; and which led to his death in 1989.

Russell was a Captain in the Australian Army, serving in Papua New Guinea. On his return he settled, with Betty, in North Sydney and produced a family of 3 boys (Michael*, Peter, David) and one girl (Barbara).

The boys played Rugby Union during their school days, so Russell was on the committee and became *Roseville Ruby Union President* from the late 50's to early 1960's (1956 – 1961). He also served on the committee and was Treasurer for 4 years for the *Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay*.

He was *Managing Director of Ducon*, Australia's largest manufacturer of electronic components for radio, TV and telecommunications until the company was purchased by Plessey, an International UK based business.

The Wiltshire connection with KBC remains. Michael* (Mike) joined in 2011 and is usually on the green each week. He is justifiably proud of his Fathers altruistic service to the community and this club. We salute Russell and his ilk!



An airplane was about to crash; there were 5 passengers on board, but only 4 parachutes. The first passenger said, "I have my own reality show and I am the smartest and prettiest woman at playboy, so America don't want me to die." and she took the first pack and jumped out of the plane.

The second passenger said, "I'm a senator, and a decorated war hero from an elite navy unit." so he grabbed the second pack and jumped. The third passenger, **Donald Trump** said, "I am going to be the next President of the United States, I am the smartest man in our country, and I will make America great again". So he grabbed the pack next to him and jumped out.

The fourth passenger, Billy Graham said to the fifth passenger, a 10-yearold schoolgirl, "I have lived a full life and served my God the best I could. I will sacrifice my life and let you have the last parachute.

The little girl said, "that's okay, Mr. Graham. There's a parachute left for you. The smartest man in America took my schoolbag ... "



Teacher: How old is your father?

Boy: 6 years.

Teacher: What? How is

this possible?

Boy: He became father only when I was born.

Teacher: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

Clyde: No sir, It's the same dog.

Teacher: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

Harold: A teacher.





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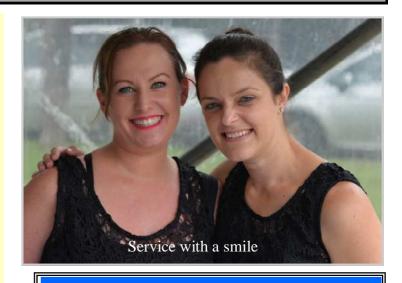
Former President Martin McMurray again attended our Annual Prize Giving.

On Saturday 23rd January, Martin presented the annual prizes, the highlight

being awarding the **lan Cameron-Smith Trophy**, which he inaugurated as a memorial to our former member. Winners were:-

Major Singles R Henriks
Minor Singles D Reade
Gissing Consistency Singles D Warren
Major Pairs T Hunt D Reade
Minor Pairs J Brodie J Rayner
Club Pairs O Watt J Zazulak
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Mixed Triples J McLeod W Druce M Battye





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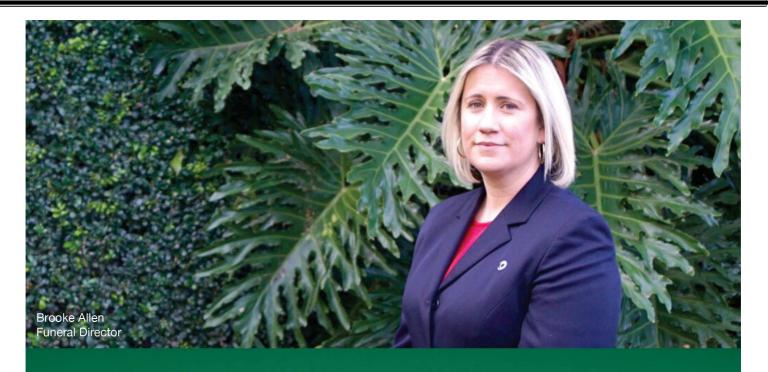
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SNIPPETS

An amazing effort was made by so many members and friends to make the Centenary Celebration a memorable

event.

The clubhouse refurbishment, reported in our last issue, was complimented by a make-over on our greens and gardens. *Darren Hargreaves* and his staff re-arranged their schedule to renovate two greens so that all were available.. and they were needed!. Darren and *Tony Hodgson* and helpers had fittings



and gardens looking their best. Loved the pansy borders!

Roger Glover designed and made the Plinth and Janice Glover made the velvet drapes which added so much to the elegance and gravitas of the Plaque Ceremony. It was built to industrial standard; it took two

people to carry it!

By the way . . The plaque will be permanently mounted on the wall adjacent to the Arnold Street entrance in due course.

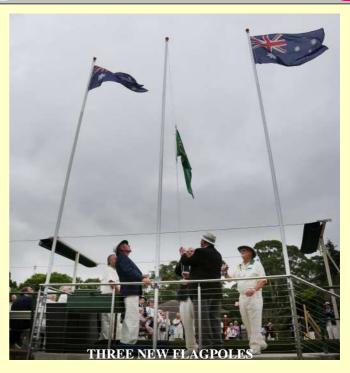


The Marquee Team led by **Brian Shirvington** with **Jill Shirvington**, **John Brodie** and **John Rayner** transformed the tennis court into a very pleasant recreation area with bar and video entertainment in addition to the six piece jazz combo.

Jill Shirvington handmade the 150 pennants and also the mobiles inside.

Shirvo and John Rayner, in addition to providing all electrical connections, erected the three new flagpoles for the flag ceremony. These poles will also enhance future Carnivals and gala occasions.





The Parking/Host Team comprising *lan Armstrong*, *John Mansfield, Geoff Little* and *Michael Prior* gently supervised car and people movements and assisted diners with their seating arrangements. The Sales/ Information team, *lan* and *Alison Calder* with *Elizabeth Calnan*, managed raffle and DVD sales (over \$1,000 was raised) as well as mentoring members. Elizabeth managed all the mail relating to the centenary including invitations to neighbours to attend the ceremonies. Many did!

Two photographers captured 100's of pictures. Larry McGrath Photography was represented by the owner and *Janice Glover* also applied her considerable talent. She went on to produce the **Utube** video on our new WEB site designed for the Centenary by our WEB Master *John Cameron*.

John has given us a fully featured and modern WEB site which you should visit often as it is frequently updated. The address is:-

www.killarabowlingclub.com.au
Why don't you look at it now?





CLUB ON ACHIEVING 100 YEARS

RY ROSSI TRAVEL LINDFIELD





They said it couldn't be done but 168 places were set for a delightful Ham and Turkey luncheon. The keynote address was given by Patron *Peter Baume* with response from *Jonathan O'Dea*. Merit awards were presented to *Judy McLeod, Elizabeth Dokulil, Michael Tsolakis* and *Rod Henriks*. The raffle was won by *John Falconer*. Then 80+ bowlers filled the green for 15 ends of bowls in perfect conditions. *More inside*...























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