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**BIG DAY
TRIPLES RESUME.**

**A GREAT
CHRISTMAS
PRESENT FROM
MATTHEW AND
NOELENE
JOHNSON!**
See page 4



VALE



Brian Randall Perkins
*Member 10 years.
Testimonial page 6.*

NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING KBCL

The 2020 AGM will be held in
the clubhouse:

11.30am Saturday

30th January 2021

It is anticipated the Annual Review
will be issued in the first week of
January

On behalf of the Board,
Don Murphy
Hon. Secretary



Patron Peter Baume AC
Valedictory
Page 7.



It is with much sadness that we were notified during the last month that my very good friend and our member **Brian Perkins** had passed away. Brian was a Director of our club at the time and has for a number of years had the responsibility for Property which he carried out with great dedication and made sure repairs occurred with great speed so that members were unaware of problems around the clubhouse. He will be greatly missed by all the members.

We were also incredibly sad when our long-standing **Patron Peter Baume** announced that he would in future be bowling at Mosman BC where he has also been a member for many years, and would not be renewing his membership next year. Peter, as we know, lives in Mosman and is finding it difficult as a one car family to travel to distant Killara considering his age of 86. I fully understand his situation and sincerely thank him for his years of service as Patron, his friendship for many years (over 50 years in my case) and his wisdom and sound advice when asked. Peter, we all wish **Jenny** and yourself many happy years ahead.

It has been a difficult year coping with the problems associated with Covid-19, very few playing members for the bulk of the year of course very little income to cover our ever relenting fixed costs for keeping the building and greens in good condition. We have had a serious problem with green 2, initially a fungus problem which was exacerbated by too little rain, a very cold winter, too much rain and then a reaction to all the chemicals used to help the green recover. It has been promised to be back in play by Christmas but only time will tell if that happens. Fortunately, green 1 has stood up well and has saved the day.

Our social functions have always been good fun, but this year were abandoned to comply with the government's orders for safe distancing and number requirements. I encourage members to attend and join us at our social functions next year, once they have been arranged, so that you can meet your friends and competitors in a non-competitive atmosphere.

Your Board is still actively pursuing a way forward for the club so that we never become insolvent, have continued to work on a Memorandum of Understanding and Deed of Amalgamation with the Lindfield Bowling Club and, at the same time, been very open with members following an unsolicited and very late offer from the Killara Lawn Tennis Club. In accordance with the unanimous decision of the Board we will be presenting the Lindfield BC merger option for resolution by the members as soon as possible.

You will also have received a letter last week from me regarding a number of problems that have arisen regarding our property which we are treating as a matter of urgency and for which I would appreciate your understanding.

For our members who are not well, I hope your health improves quickly and I also hope that all members have a pleasant Christmas and Holiday season as well as a Happy and successful New Year followed by some enjoyable travel, good health and good bowling during 2021.

Dale



Julie Dunn claimed the title of KWBC **Major Singles Champion** after an exciting match against **Ngoc Hau**. The score was very close until the last 3 ends when Julie held her nerve to play some beautiful draw shots. The final score was 25:23. It was a well-deserved win for Julie. To Ngoc and all the other contestants... we will have to wait until next year!

Ngoc Hau and **Louise Amos** defended their Major Pairs title by defeating **Margaret Middleton** and **Susie Meares**. This has certainly been a challenging year for everyone, aren't we glad to see the end of 2020! Some of us have already entered in a few carnivals in early 2021. While we are still keeping up with our COVID safety awareness, we are certainly looking forward to getting back to our busy bowling calendar again.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming 2021 with positive energy and optimism. Keep well and happy bowling. **Louise**

This report modified at the request of a member. ed



Welcome back on the
Green Pat and Hank





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Owen Holden

Greetings!

Our club has almost emerged from the misery inflicted on our bowling and social activities by the Covid 19 restrictions.

Louise Amos has done an outstanding job

in organising and managing KBC's compliance with the regulations. Our members all have cooperated well in respecting the new rules which apply to being on the premises, playing bowls and social distancing. Unfortunately our bowls and socialising have suffered, and the club finances have taken a big hit because of the inactivity and the simultaneous need to keep up maintenance of the greens and clubhouse

I encourage all our members to resume your bowling activities as they were pre-Covid 19. Re-connect with your friends, enjoy the game, and in doing so you will support your club.

The disruption has meant that many of our Club Championship matches have not yet been played. However some have been finalised and the results are :

Men's Major Singles	Brian Shirvington
Women's Major Singles	Julie Dunn
Men's Minor Singles	John Middleton
Men's Pairs	Tristan Lau & Rod Henriks
Women's Pairs	Louise Amos & Ngoc Hau

The proposed amalgamation of KBC with Lindfield Bowling Club and the ongoing negotiations have raised some issues.

The Killara Bowling Club Ltd AGM has necessarily been postponed until early next year and consequently the Killara Bowling Club AGM has also been postponed until shortly after that event in accordance with the constitution.

In the meantime the current office bearers and committee members will carry on.

Our Pennants teams, which for 2021 will include women, will be selected and entered as representatives of Killara Bowling Club and will wear our usual Club uniforms.

The issues regarding the Club's future have been well discussed in the Information Sessions and in letters to our members from our Chairman.

We are now rapidly approaching the time when the members must make a decision on whether or not to support the Board's recommendation. We have only a short time frame in which we can act positively. I hope our members will give priority to the issue of how we can best ensure our long term enjoyment of the game of bowls. This comes with good numbers on the greens, strong and varied competitions and social bowls, as well as ongoing friendships. These considerations are at the heart of the Board's recommendation.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OWEN



Warwick and Judy: Looking and feeling good!



Place of Origin December 12 Series24. Pat Sinclair presents the Trophy to Alan Vine representing Sydney 108 who defeated The Rest 100. A close result.



2021

PENNANTS UPDATE

KBC has registered to play Grade 5 and 7 for the 2021 Pennants season which is scheduled to commence Saturday 6th March and runs for 10 weeks.

Practice matches have been organised against North Sydney (Saturday 30th January), Warrawee (Saturday 13th February)

and Chatswood (Saturday 27th February). Our Selectors will advise preliminary team compositions by mid-January with a view to having a trial match prior to us playing North Sydney. Members wishing to play Pennants are encouraged to add their name to the list on the noticeboard as soon as possible. **Tony Gale**



**BIG DAY
TRIPLES**



They're back!

FIRST National Johnson's BIG DAY TRIPLES have returned to Killara greens every Thursday resuming after the Covid lockdown in March. Thank you Matthew and Noelene Johnson.



Many of our
regular
visitors were
also there.





Malcolm's Musings ST.RITA

A saint that I did not know anything about until recently was St Rita, who became *Current Partner's* favourite saint.

We discovered her in **Cascia** where there is a very large basilica devoted to her memory, after visiting **Roc-caporena** where the Parish Church has her family's graves, and where she married. Badly. Hubby was a drunk and into domestic violence but died in a brawl. Her boys sought vengeance and were also killed. The first miracle of Rita was getting into the convent when a *multipara**. This was one of her impossible miracles and she became patron saint of not only the impossible but also the patron saint for abused women especially those bad marriages. In Italy this is apparently a large group. St Rita's troubles did not vanish once in the convent. A thorn which fell from the crown of thorns during prayers pierced her forehead producing a nasty sore emitting an offensive odour. (It vanished temporarily when she went to see the Pontiff.)



Much debate preceded her beatification and the subsequent canonisation took a long time. She was a woman with a past, and some of her miracles were a little dubious. But public sway carried the day and she is the most popular saint among Italian women who flocked to see her in a glass case beautifully preserved. The cathedral in Cascia is vast and a bit vulgar. My guidebook called it "pseudo-renaissance fascist". The frescoes look as though painted by numbers



Some time after we returned from Italy I found a statue of St Rita in our living room! You can tell St. Rita statues by the wisp of blood on her forehead. I did not have the fortitude to ask why it appeared. But when I finally agreed to the renovations and they were completed she vanished just as mysteriously. So I have added to her portfolio "The Patron Saint of Women with one oven."

Multipara:* A woman who has had two or more pregnancies resulting in potentially viable offspring. The term para refers to births. A para III has had three such pregnancies; a para VI or more is also known as a **Grand multipara.



A man entered the bus with both his front pockets full of golf balls, and he sat down next to a beautiful (you guessed right) blonde. The puzzled girl keeps looking at his bulging pockets. Finally, after such glances from her he said, "It's golf balls." Nevertheless the blonde continued to look at him thoughtfully and finally, not being able to contain her curiosity any longer asked.....

"Does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"



From front page . . .

This testimonial précised from Dale McLean's eulogy at Brian's memorial . . .

Brian had led a fascinating working life and was instrumental in advancing communication facilities throughout Australia and other parts of the world and was well known for that. His work with **NASA** in its early days always fascinated me, particularly when he said after I had seen the movie "hidden figures", you will remember it was the movie that showed those brilliant female mathematicians solving difficult problems by hand before the computer age, that was what it was like when he was there

Brian was born and educated in Adelaide and moved to Sydney in 1984 to join **AAP** as the Assistant General Manager, Marketing. AAP was a firm that had been formed to distribute news bulletins to newspapers around Australia on the soon-to-be-launched Australian satellite **Aussat-1**. This was the start in Australia of what we now call "service providers".

The history of the those early years of communications in Australia is a great story and is well explained in Brian's book titled "*The Life of Brian*" published in November of last year. If you can get hold of or borrow a copy it is very well worth reading.

AAP went through a number of transitions in its lifetime and in 1991 eventually became the very well-known firm of **AAPT** and this firm was finally sold to **Telecom NZ** in 2000. Of course, it was during those years that Brian met his beautiful **Annette** and they were married in 1993.

Leaving AAPT in 2001, Brian joined **Corrs, Chambers Westgarth**, a firm with which he had been intimately connected for some time, as a technical consultant. At the same time he also became the inaugural **Chairman of Span**, the service providers network. This position involved continual talks with the federal communications minister of the time, particularly **Richard Alston** with whom he became a good friend. He continued working at Corrs and for Span until 2005 when he retired after 60 and more years in the communications industry.

It is also important to know that in that year, 2005, he was awarded the **Charles Todd medal** as "communicator of the year" by the Australian telecommunications group. This was a very special honour.



Brian Perkins and Sookie

the regular Thursday triples competition. This team continued for many years until Brian's balance and leg co-ordination became too much of a problem.

When our club became short of volunteers, I asked Brian to join our board of directors, he accepted and remained in that position until his death. He had the responsibility for property, took it as a challenge and always maintained our building in excellent condition. The phone, security and computer systems were upgraded at minimum cost and living close by he was always on call and never complained at being called out at unusual times for a plumbing or other problem. He was a very highly respected member of our club and after his bowling days were over often called in to see his friends and join them for afternoon tea or a drink.

Last and foremost I will remember Brian as a family man, adoring his best friend and wife Annette, extremely proud of his children and step-children, and their many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was also extremely loyal to his friends and a man of great integrity.

Brian, you enriched our lives and I have a feeling and a faint hope that you may have secreted a chip in one of those satellites up there and that at some time in your afterlife you might send the occasional message down from the sky. I will be waiting.

Rest in peace good friend, you will be missed by all of us. Dale

So many people these days are too judgemental.

You can tell just by looking at them.

FAREWELL

The Honourable Emeritus Professor
PETER BAUME AC



Always smiling, always affable.

For 35 years, Peter has driven from Mosman to play at Killara.

Pre-Covid, he did that twice weekly. That's 60km and 2 hours per week in city traffic! . . . and it has become too much.

So our Patron and most distinguished member, from next year, will play at Mosman BC.

It truly is the end of an era. Having joined in 1985, he was (is) our longest serving active member and he has contributed mightily to our administration and social activities.

Peter was chairman for three years, 2002 to 2005 before accepting the role of Patron in 2007.

He also contributed as an active Umpire and was confirmed as a level 2 Umpire in 2013.



Peter has an extraordinary record of service to Government, Medicine, Education, and Community.

He served in the Australian Parliament from 1974 to 1991.

In the late seventies, he **Chaired the Senate Standing Committee on Social Welfare.**

During his seventeen years in parliament, he has been **Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Health and Minister for Education.** Famously, when **Shadow Minister for the Status of Women** in 1987 he crossed the floor to vote for a bill giving equal employment opportunities. Peter held the positions of **Chancellor** of the Australian National University and **Professor** of Community Medicine at the University of New South Wales, where he also served as an honorary research associate within its Social Policy Research Centre. He has been **Commissioner** of the Australian Law Reform Commission, **Deputy Chair** of the Australian National Council on AIDS and Foundation **Chair** of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority. In 2008, Peter was awarded the **Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AC)**. In 1992, he was appointed an Officer of the **Order of Australia (AO)**. **And much, much more!**

*"If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch,"*

Rudyard Kipling

Thank you Peter. We all wish you Good Bowling!



Photo by Louise Amos . PATRON'S DAY 12 Dec. 2020

The Clubs of Killara

Appropriately, the majority of readers are residents or near neighbours of Killara; and many are also a member of a Killara sporting club. Have you ever considered why this relatively small North Shore suburb is so well endowed with such first class facilities? It can really be ascribed to one man - **James George Edwards** - who has become known as *The Father of Killara*.

Killara in Edwards' time was a much different place to that we know today. There was no rail line; the roads were tracks and virtually impassable when wet. It was heavily forested and timber was the major industry worked by convicts until mid 1800's.

It not easy to describe the accomplishments of J.G. in a page so I will just hit the highlights:-

He was a school teacher who later became the first Headmaster of Gordon Public School providing education for the children of timber-getters and orchardists. Because there was no Post Office, he handed correspondence to his pupils to deliver to residents.

He became very involved in civic action and lobbied for a Post Office in Gordon which when built his sister managed.

From 1870, he led the lobby for a rail line which was realised when the first service from Milson's Point to Hornsby ran 1st May 1893. Killara Station opened 10th July 1899.

He was a councillor of the Killara Progress Association and later an alderman of Ku-rig-gai Council.

DEVELOPMENT OF KILLARA

J.G. was civic minded but he was also a tenacious and innovative business man who jumped 'boots and all' into real estate. It is worth explaining the situation regarding property titles at that time.

Early land grants

On 5 April 1821, **Governor Macquarie** issued five crown grants of land that were to shape the present suburb of Killara: 100 acres to John Griffiths, 80 acres to Edwin Booker, 60 acres to Samuel Midgley, 45 acres to Henry Oliver, and 40 acres to Joseph Fidden. The Crown imposed conditions that the new owners must not sell for five years and must cultivate 20 acres within the five-year period.

Then, on 28 February 1839 Governor Gipps made the sixth and largest grant to a schoolmistress, Mrs Jane McGillivray. The Springdale grant is significant because it shaped what is now the heart of Killara, covering the area on either side of the railway station, bordering and including Powell Street, Stanhope Road and Springdale Roads and the Arterial Road and Pacific Highway.

She died in 1861 setting in train a series of complicated events that affected the smooth development of Killara, mainly because her land was bequeathed to the many descendants of her six children, who had very large families scattered far and wide in remote areas of the country.

J.G. Edwards finds a way . .

This story acquired epic proportions, with Edwards travelling to Perth and Queensland by coach, horseback, train and foot to trace McGillivray descendants and obtain title deeds to enable the subdivision and subsequent sale of prime real estate.

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KILLARA is rapidly becoming the most popular Residential Suburb on the North Shore Line. Being 357 ft. above Sea Level it commands attention from a Health Point of View, also a notable feature of this suburb is the magnificent type of Homes and Flower Gardens, together with its fine Golf Links and Tennis Courts, which to a very large extent add to its popularity.

The Links Estate will be sold on very easy terms and intending purchasers on the North Shore Line would be well advised to wait for this important sale.

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Note: All dimensions are subject to Re-survey Plan.

View of the popular Killara Golf Links alongside the Estate.

The above advertisement while later, is typical of his methodology of acquisition of land title, survey, subdivision and then promotion and sale of lots.

When I was young I decided I wanted to be a doctor, so I took the entrance exam. One of the questions asked was to re-arrange the letters "PNEIS" into the name of an important human body part which is most useful when erect.

Those who answered spine are doctors today.

The rest of us just sort of drifted around.

... From previous page.

The 'eight years of worry and work and much money'* led to triumph in the end: titles were won and land was sold at auction. Edwards himself purchased extensively in the area and built his home, Springdale Cottage, in Marian Street. By 1923 there were about 500 houses in Killara's best streets, which are named in honour of Edwards's children.

Edwards dreamt of Killara as the ultimate garden suburb, free of shops and offering a lush retreat from the commercialism of the city where many of its residents worked. The blocks of land were subdivided into large allotments that often exceeded an acre (4046 square metres) in size. Most of the houses were substantial and in proportion to the land; many were mansions designed to suit the lifestyle of the moneyed gentry who lived in them. With the growth in housing, Killara acquired the accoutrements of an up-market community.

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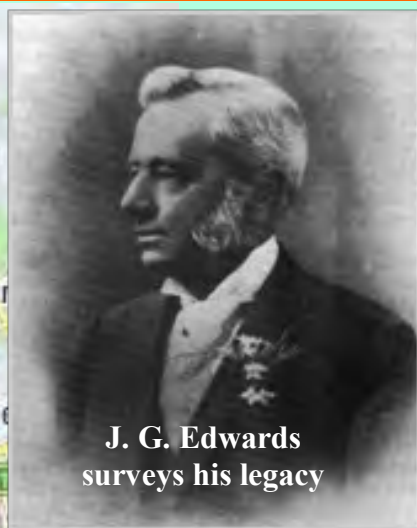
The Killara Hall, built in 1905, provided a venue for concerts, lectures and dances, while sporting facilities, including **Killara Golf Club**, provided for healthy recreation. Land that was not suitable for housing was designated parkland. The low sloping land bounded by Locksley, Arnold Street and Werona Avenue, with a creek running through it, was considered unsuitable for subdivision but an ideal site for a park and recreation area and is now the site of **Killara Bowling Club** and **Killara Lawn Tennis Club**.

When J. G. Edwards died in 1927, aged 83, he had created a community of style and grace and bequeathed exceptional recreational facilities. Still enjoyed today.

Topic suggested by Geoff Leppinus. Extracts from the writings of Zeny Edwards and Joan Rowland.

Recommended reading <https://dictionaryofsydney.org/entry/killara>

** This quote from Edwards book "History of Killara, Near Sydney" and extracted from the Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society. The photograph of J.G. is in the office of KBC.*



J. G. Edwards
surveys his legacy



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WHAT THE ?



Whilst researching information for "Clubs of Killara" on the previous pages, I stumbled on this logo. Having been the convenor of our centenary, which included our logo and flag, I was quite surprised to say the least. So I looked into it.

Turns out an Indian bloke living in Din-digul, an independent graphic designer specializing in logo design, submitted this design as an example of his work. He asks US\$10/hour!

Look him up if you like . . .

Google: Karthik 3989



A farmer got in his ute and drove to a neighbouring farm and knocked at the farmhouse door. A young boy, about nine, opened the door.

"Is your Dad home"? the farmer asked.

"Sorry mate, he isn't" the boy replied "He went into town."

"Well," said the farmer, "Is your mum here"?

"No, sir, she's not here either. She went into town with Dad."

"How about your brother, Greg? Is he here"?

"He went with Mum and Dad."

The farmer stood there for a few minutes, shifting from one foot to the other and mumbling to himself.

"Is there anything I can do for ya"? the boy asked politely. "I know where all the tools are if you want to borrow one. Or maybe, I could take a message for Dad."

"Well," said the farmer uncomfortably, "I really wanted to talk to your Dad. It's about your brother Greg getting my daughter pregnant."

The boy considered for a moment. "You would have to talk to Dad about that," he finally conceded. If it helps you any, I know that Dad charges \$200 for the bull and \$150 for the pig, but I really don't know how much he gets for Greg."



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New Umpires for Killara Bowling Club *John Lockard* *KBC Chairman of Umpires*

When I took over as Chairman of Umpires at KBC in early March this year I noticed that over the past few years we had seen a slow decline in the number of

accredited Umpires available to supervise matches. I discussed this with the Board and they generously offered to subsidise the RNSWBA cost of the Accreditation Course.

Subsequently, I approached six of our members and, of these, five ultimately agreed to participate in a brief course that I would provide on the Laws and Measuring Procedures. However, we all know what happened later in 2020 – COVID-19 arrived on our shores. This meant I had to get agreement from both our Board and Zone 9 as to a suitable date to be able to run the Accreditation Course in a COVID-compliant fashion.

The stars aligned much later in the year and we finally had three Saturday-morning training sessions in September and October. Our students worked hard and we also had a bit of fun along the way.

Finally, on Sunday, 11th October the big day came and the Zone 9 Umpires Accreditation Committee attended KBC to assess our prospective new umpires. It was a long day starting at 8:30 am, and running well into the late afternoon. Our students had to deal with questions on the Laws, reviewing and discussing Umpiring procedures and interactions with bowling officials and players, watching videos on umpires demonstrating the various aspects of Marking, Measuring & Umpiring, participating in Case Studies and demonstrating their practical abilities on the greens.

The result was that four of our five candidates were deemed to have the requisite level of skill. One of the current candidates is going to need to do a little more work next year before he receives his Accreditation.

Please join me in welcoming our new, fully accredited Umpires:

Louise Amos
Chris Fay
Ngoc Hau
Ian Webster



CONGRATULATIONS!

It's a five minute walk from my house to the pub. It's a 35 minute walk from the pub to my house.

The difference is staggering!



Covid-19 Grants Thank You Ku-ring-gai Council

In May the club applied for, and received, a Ku-ring-gai Council "COVID-19 Community Organisation Hardship and Assistance Grant" of \$1,600. These

were available to organisations with an immediate need to handle the changes resulting from Covid-19. This was used by the club to purchase a mix of items to assist with the club's successfully reopening, and the resumption of play.

The Club also applied for and received a \$1,100 Covid-19 grant from the "Grassroots Sport Fund". This was part of the NSW Government's Community Sport Recovery Package.

John Cameron

QUITE A SUCCESS STORY!!!!

Every morning, the CEO of a large bank in Manhattan walks to the corner shoe shine. He sits on the couch, examines the Wall Street Journal, and Max gives his shoes a perfect shine.

One morning Max asks the Executive Director: "What do you think about the situation in the stock market?"

The Director asks in turn arrogantly: "Why are you so interested in that - that topic?"

"I have ten million dollars in your bank," Max says, "and I'm considering investing some of the money in the capital market." The Banker is amazed and asks his full name and confirms Max does indeed have ten million in the bank,

Next morning the Banker while on Max's couch asks "Max, I ask you this coming Monday to be the guest of honour at our board meeting and tell us the story of your life. I am sure we will have something to learn from you.

And it comes to pass that Max is presented to the Board and told his story:

"I came to this country fifty years ago as a young immigrant from Europe with an unpronounceable name. I got off the ship without a penny, hungry and exhausted. I started wandering around looking for a job but to no avail. Suddenly I found a coin on the sidewalk. I bought an apple. I had two options: eat the apple and quench my hunger or start a business. I sold the apple for 50c and bought two apples with the money. When I started accumulating dollars, I was able to buy a set of used brushes and shoe polish and started polishing shoes. I didn't spend a penny on entertainment or clothing, I just bought bread and some cheese to survive. I saved penny by penny and after a while, I bought a new set of shoe brushes and ointments in different shades and expanded my clientele. I lived like a monk and saved penny by penny.

After a while I was able to buy an armchair so that my clients could sit comfortably while cleaning their shoes, and that brought me more clients. I did not spend a penny on the joys of life. I kept saving every penny. A few years ago, when the previous shoe shine on the corner decided to retire, I had already saved enough money to buy his shoeshine location at this great place.

Finally, three months ago, my sister, who was a whore in Chicago, passed away and left me ten million dollars.

We thank John Brodie for this touching and salutary story

KILL THE CHICKEN TO SCARE THE MONKEYS

These are part of recent comments made by **Viktor Shvets**, Managing Director, Head of Asia Pacific and Global Strategy, Macquarie Group.

He is discussing Chinese philosophy in the context of recent trade embargos/tariffs imposed by China on Australia.

“barbarians were generally divided into two categories: ‘raw’ and ‘cooked’ (the latter having an ability to assimilate into Chinese civilization, while the former needed to be guarded against).

China had always viewed itself as the Middle Kingdom, with surrounding lands having a subordinate tribute relationship with it...

This demand for respect and tribute, mixed with threats of retaliation or promises of rewards for what China would have considered as ‘appropriate behaviour’, was for centuries the reality of life for rulers of extensive areas of Asia - from Burma and the Indonesian islands to the Straits of Malacca, Korea, Vietnam and parts of Central Asia.

There were two awkward exceptions: the Mongols and Japan...

Unlike European states which for centuries were constantly jostling to gain an incremental advantage and/or maintain a precarious balance of power, China never had to build alliances or truly accept other people’s views.

Rather, surrounding lands were treated either as friends (i.e. those that acknowledged China’s superiority and tribute system of relationship) or enemies (those that did not)."

In simpler terms, the CCP strategy of dealing with us Aussies is thus:

“kill the chicken to scare the monkeys”



Julie Dunn, 2020 KWBC Singles Champion and our departing Patron Peter Baume share reminiscences.

A 54 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience seeing God she asked "Is my time up?"

God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair colour and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it. After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 43 years? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?"

(You'll love this)

God replied: "I didn't recognize you."

TOP TEN THINGS ONLY WOMEN UNDERSTAND

10. Cats' facial expressions.
9. The need for the same style of shoes in different colours.
8. Why bean sprouts aren't just weeds.
7. Fat clothes.
- 6 Taking a car trip without trying to beat your best time.
5. The difference between beige, ecru, cream, off-white, and eggshell.
4. Cutting your hair to make it grow.
3. Eyelash curlers.
2. The inaccuracy of every bathroom scale ever made.
- AND, the Number One thing only women understand :

1. OTHER WOMEN



From the Past : the story of our car park

With an *active* membership over 130 and bowling six days a week, KBC had been trying to establish a carpark since the mid 90's but had been thwarted by Ku-ring-gai on every proposal. *John Muirhead* was both the designer and club representative who negotiated with council and achieved success with opening in October 2004. This memory from John was published KBN 31 February 2011. . . .



For many years the Board has been aware that the reliance on street parking was an both an inconvenience to members and a deterrent to new members. The street parking signs in Arnold and Locksley Streets permitted (and still permit) long term parking. This favours commuters who now monopolise it.

The club made approaches to the Council requesting changes to the street parking signs so that the street frontages to our property on both streets would be available for our members. We pointed out that the Club paid rates to the Council but the commuters from outside the municipality do not. The Council did not concede.

The Club had considered constructing a car park for many years; all proposals have involved the space on Locksley Street previously occupied by the old No.4 Green. One scheme included an underground park on a site incorporating part of the space under the bowling green and under a suspended slab where No 11 Locksley Street now stands. The Club owned the property at the time. The scheme was rejected by the Council because the number of parking spaces it would have provided was insufficient according to a formula used by the Council for clubs based on their membership.

At about this time, 2002, Pymble Bowling Club was having difficulties over its lease from the Water Board and was about to close down. Several Pymble members considered joining us but the lack of a car park made us less attractive than Gordon, Turramurra and St Ives and most of them went to Gordon.

However, in 2002 the KBCL Board approved the preparation of a feasibility study for the conversion of No.4 Green into a car park. It was noted that Greens 3 and 4 were very seldom needed for bowling and it revived the car park idea. I was asked to prepare a design and to submit a DA for the arrangement which now exists. The number of car parking spaces is less than the Club and Council would like but the adjacent Locksley Street property had long been sold and on this occasion the Council conceded that taking 24 cars off the streets was better than none!

The Council required us to provide four spaces for disabled drivers (0.7M wider than standard) to comply with their Code. These wider spaces do exist but are not otherwise marked except when the Roll-up Room is made aware of a requirement, so that they are generally available for normal use.

Unfortunately, the car park was too late to attract members from Pymble and some of our existing members and guests are no longer prepared to park in the streets and walk. They choose to park in the central access lane between the marked spaces where they obstruct the exit of those who have arrived in time to secure a place. Predictably, this has interrupted play and caused inconvenience to fellow members on many occasions.

Thank you John, you got the job done! But I have to ask . . . Why is our entrance so bloody narrow??



A bloke goes to the local council to apply for a job. The interviewer asks him, "Are you allergic to anything?" He replies, "Yes, caffeine."

"Have you ever worked for the public service before?"

"Yes, I was in the army." he says, "I was in Iraq for two tours." The interviewer says, "That will give you 5 extra points toward employment."

Then he asks, "Are you disabled in any way?"

The guy says, "Yes. A mine exploded near me when I was there and I lost both of my testicles".

The interviewer grimaces and then says, "O.K. You've got enough points for me to take you on right away. Our normal



hours are from 8.00am to 4.00pm.... ..but you can start tomorrow at 10.00am - and carry on starting at 10.00am every day."

The bloke is puzzled and asks, "If the work hours are from 8.00am to 4.00pm, why don't you want me here until 10.00am? I'm not looking for any special treatment y'know"

"What you have to understand is that this is a council job," the interviewer says,

"For the first two hours we just stand around drinking coffee and scratching our balls.

There's no point in you coming in for that."



UPPER NORTH SHORE MARKET REPORT

First National Real Estate Johnson would like to sincerely wish all club members and guests a Merry Christmas.

2020 has been a rather challenging year for some in the local Ku-ring-gai area. We have found the property market has been very resilient, despite the widespread impact of Coronavirus and it is great to hear a vaccine will be available soon.

We have been working harder than ever for our valued clients and have enjoyed outstanding success. Most of our properties sold either at Auction or prior to Auction. For our last Auction of the year, we had a large crowd in attendance and 6 registered bidders. It sold 'under the hammer' to a lovely young family and the underbidder missed out by only \$2,000.

In November the **Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA)** lowered the cash rate by another 15 basis points to a new record low of only 0.10%. This is good news for those getting a mortgage to buy a property, though less positive for self-funded retirees!

We would like to offer our valued club members a very special deal in 2021. We will provide FREE marketing worth around \$5,000, when you Exclusively list

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The First National Real Estate motto is 'we put you first'. We will be offering you our professional real estate services on an enhanced level in 2021, whether you are looking to sell or lease your property.

We are really pleased that things are getting back to normal at Killara Bowling Club. We wish everyone a very peaceful, safe and happy New Year. We hope that 2021 will be better than ever!!

Regards Matthew and Noelene



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