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## NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2023

### WELCOME

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the first edition of our Newsletter for 2023.

At last, we are getting some better weather and it has been very pleasing to see increased participation on the greens – particularly on recent Saturdays. We even reached capacity on one Saturday when we only had 6 rinks available – we had 48 bowlers and I apologise to the two that we had to turn away that day (a situation I cannot recall having happened in my 19 years at Warrawee!!). We should have 7 rinks available from now until C green returns. Several members have mentioned to me that there was a fantastic vibe at the Club with so many people there. Even if you are not able to bowl, why not come along and join the crowd just for the sheer enjoyment of being out with friends and having a pleasant refreshment!

Friday night drinks from 4pm to 6pm are gaining in popularity as this photo from last week shows! Members will be joined by Knox staff as soon as they return from holidays.



Why not add this to your “To Do” list – a bit of Friday fun.

Our Sausage Sizzle and Bowls on Australia Day was another fantastic fun day. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success on the day when we had 42 bowlers plus a few more who just joined in for lunch. Who would like to suggest the next fun day and theme / excuse?



## **CPR AND HOW TO USE AN AED**

Unfortunately, the SAN is unable at present to assist with **CPR** (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training which has been run at the Club over the last decade.

I have found useful training information at the following website which you may want to visit <https://www.victorchang.edu.au/aed> where you can also view a video on CPR.

The Club has an **AED** (automated external defibrillator) behind the bar and a second (older) AED in the Greenkeeper's room.

Both machines will start voice prompts as soon as you open the case – just follow the prompts and you can potentially save a life!! The newer AED behind the bar will also advise as to whether or not the CPR being performed is being done correctly.

An AED will NOT shock a patient unless the patient needs it – you do not have to make any decision!

When the machine is ready to give a shock, it will tell you to stand clear. STOP CPR and make sure that nobody is touching the patient. When a shock is delivered, the patient's whole body will jump so do not be alarmed. The AED will tell you when to recommence CPR.

### **What does DRSABCD stand for?**

The acronym **DRSABCD** (or Doctor's ABCD) is commonly used to help you remember what to do during a medical emergency.

*Check for **Danger**:* Ensure the area is safe for yourself, others and the patient before proceeding

*Check for **Response**:* Squeeze shoulders of the patient. Ask loudly; "Are you alright? What's your name?"

If there is no response;

***Send for help:*** Call Triple Zero (000) for an ambulance. Ask a bystander for help to bring an AED.

*Check their **Airway**:* Open the patient's mouth. Check if airway is clear by tilting head and lifting chin. If visible foreign item is present, place patient on their side and remove foreign items with fingers

*Check for normal **Breathing**:* Look, listen and feel. If the patient's breathing is not normal, start CPR

*Start **CPR**:* Push hard and fast. 30 chest compressions followed by 2 rescue breaths (if able).

***Defibrillation:*** Attach AED (Automated External Defibrillator) as soon as available. Follow voice prompts.

### **Steps for using an AED**

In an emergency, start by following the DRS ABCD action plan. If defibrillation is required (as the person is unresponsive or not breathing normally), follow these simple steps:

- As soon as an AED is available, turn it on and follow the instructions;
- Remove all clothing from patient's chest;
- Correctly place defib pads on bare chest;
- AED analyses heart rhythm;
- Listen to AED instructions;

If the AED prompts to give shock, stay clear of the patient.

After the AED delivers the shock, continue CPR with compressions until the person responds, or normal breathing returns, or the paramedics take over



Continue to listen to any instructions from the AED. Sometimes it may be necessary to shock the patient more than once.

It's vital to remember that an AED does not replace CPR, it is used in addition to CPR. Don't delay CPR while waiting for someone to get an AED.

Brian H

## WELCOME TO CROQUET

Welcome to the Croquet Club newsletter for February 2023



For the Croquet Club, 2022 was a very mixed year as the country defends and recovers from both Covid-19 health issues and the La Niña weather events that have plagued NSW for three years, contributing to record rainfalls and devastating floods.

As with all sporting clubs, our little croquet club battled on through these challenges and managed to fill the year, often playing in the rain to complete the following:

- Five out of seven club tournaments
- A Pennant season
- Co-host the plate rounds of the Australian open Associate Croquet Championships
- Enjoy a quaint little Cocktail and Jazz trophy presentation evening
- Host two corporate Croquet Christmas Functions that catered for an additional 72 social croquet players over the pre-Christmas period
- Finishing the year off with a cracker of a Presidents Day / Christmas Lunch on the balcony with good friends, sponsored by Mr. Nice Plumbing.



The latest climate forecast update from the Bureau of Meteorology predicts the La Niña events are set to end in February '23.

Now I'm no meteorologist and I sincerely hope the Bureau has it right, but the men in the know when it comes to weather forecasts are our Sydney taxi drivers, one of whom informed me that La Niña will be around for another year.

Add this intel and the actions of my neighbour's pet turtle "Shelldon" (With two l's) who is already out looking for higher ground.

All I am saying here is 'Who knows these days what's tomorrow's weather is going to be'. Although, if I was a betting man, which I'm not, I would be putting my money on "Shelldon's" radar.

## KilWar CROQUET COMPETITION

KILLARA CROQUET



The 25<sup>th</sup> November was the last KilWar competition match before the Christmas holidays, a Competition against Killara Croquet Club played at Killara. Also known as 'The friendlies' which best describes the competition and the atmosphere on the day.



### Results: Golf Croquet

Doubles: Brent Fuller & Deb Heagney 8 hoops -V- John Owen & Ron Bradner 14 hoops.  
Games: 0:2 Win to Killara.

Singles: Tony Fabro 14 hoops –V- Doug Greening 20 hoops,  
Games: 1:2 Win to Killara

### Results: Association Croquet

Doubles: Mary Angela Bellingham & Mary Poirrier 38 hoops -V - Margaret Craig & Anna Naughton 32 hoops.

Game: Win to Warrawee

Singles: Richard Bellingham 16 Hoops – V – Mary Lambert 16 Hoops.

Game: Win to Killara

Friendly competitive matches were played throughout the day with Killara coming out on top. Many thanks to Killara for hosting the day and for their courtesy and companionship.

Our next KilWar match is again at Killara CC on the 27th January . Starting time 9-45am.

Team sections are:

Golf Croquet: Doubles: Brent and Paul. Singles: Robin

Association Croquet: Doubles: Maria and Peter. Singles: Robert

Good luck everyone, enjoy your game and may the luck be shared

### MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT PROGRAM CONTINUES ON IN 2023

In December, Marilyn Pryor–Croquet Club Committee member and President of **u3a - Northern Region** (AKA University of the 3rd age but since changed to “YOU in the 3rd age”) ran a small notice in the u3a 2023 Course Book offering free croquet lessons to their members.

The book was released on the 15<sup>th</sup> January and as at the 25<sup>th</sup> we have thirteen u3a members accepting our offer, with coaching starting Friday 24th February.

Our thanks and appreciation to Marilyn for this initiative and follow up. Great work and a terrific start for 2023 with a further boost to our membership assured.



### CROQUET LAWN – RENOVATION UPDATE:

As reported, with increased membership and playing numbers the lawn carried extra traffic and was occupied most days of the week throughout 2022. This, with the buildup of moss at the back half of the lawn, rain saturation and the occasional flooding has added wear and soil impaction to the lawn.

The renovation of the lawn started on the 19<sup>th</sup> December with a completion date set for the 19<sup>th</sup> February, two weeks ahead of the 2023 Pennant season.







Naturally the timing is all subject to good weather continuing during this growing period. The lawn has been scarified twice, aerated, sprayed with selected herbicide and fertilizer. 8 tonnes of 70/30 sand and loam have been added to improve drainage, laser levelled, fertilized, watered, and mowed. The final step is a top dressing, with ongoing fertilizing, watering, and more mowing.

Now I know 8 weeks is a long time to wait for any Croquet player, especially players at our level! The finished product will be a manicured lawn, flat as a tack, covered in a royal blue grass mowed to a height of 3mm with a slow starting speed of 15 seconds.



Now isn't that worth the wait?

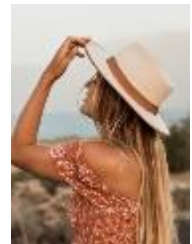
As a treat and to help those feeling a bit rejected after the long wait, we just might widen the gap of the hoops from tournament 3"11/16 to handicap 3"3/4.

WOW 1/16" is generous I know, considering the width of a ball is 3"10/16. There is only a credit card in it.

I find at 3m out if I add a tad of pace with spin, keep my eyes open during the swing, which is a good thing to do, and pray, my chances of success improve ever so slightly.

#### WHAT'S ON THE BUCKET LIST FOR 2023

- Organise a Lawn opening function BBQ lunch, spider etc.
- Organise Pennant team training and selections.
- Organise a small trophy presentation soiree.
- Arrange the design and production of club shirts and cap for the men and maybe a *Fedora* hat for the ladies. I will leave all that in the hands of our fashion guru.
- Acquire 4 new club coaching mallets- funding 50% club, 50% grant to be sought
- Purchase a new bench/cupboard/mallet rack for the office.
- Engage Malcolm Kirby and his crew to build a new mallet rack on the veranda.
- Reduce the height of the corner flags to a regulated 12" or we could think about drilling the corner holes deeper.
- Review By-laws and formalise COP.
- Source a new WCC sponsor.



Progressive membership count as at 1<sup>st</sup> January is 61 with 13 possibles on the coacher's list.

Well that's it for now! – We have hit the ground running in 2023 with a new lawn on its way and things to do. Above all, let's squeeze out a bit more enjoyment and fun along the way during the *Year of the Rabbit* or is it a Sheldon?

Keep the head down and follow through - till next time,

*Peter*

President - Warrawee Croquet Club.

*"Croquet the thought sport"*



## BOWLS SECTION REPORT

What a wonderful two months of bowling we have had. At last, the ever-present rain has eased and we have seen plenty of sunny days to enjoy whilst bowling and generally not being too hot.

After an absence of 3 years, the *Roseville Shield* was held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the Lindfield Rollers club.

22 teams from across the Zone competed, each playing 2 games of fours over 21 ends. The Warrawee team was Jim Fergusson, Steve Ogden, Sonny Ching and Tony Fabro.

In a very close result, Manly emerged as the winners over Lane Cove. Warrawee came third.

Our Christmas break up on the Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December was an enjoyable day, many prizes supplied by our sponsor for the day, *HI-PAC CONSTRUCTIONS*. Bob and Penny Black the owners of Hi-PAC were in attendance for the prize giving. Many thanks to Bob and Penny for their support.

The day was started with a *spider*, the prize for which was a bottle of whisky, which was won by Nelson Tan. He, very kindly, passed it on to Lewis Price and I believe is now being enjoyed by him and John Berry, two of hard workers in the Club.

The day went exceptionally well, with a full green of players. It is great to see the increase in playing numbers. Let's keep the numbers increasing.

In late December we had an international visitor, "Rino" from South Africa. He played two games with us while staying at his brother's in Turramurra before moving on with his Australian holiday.

Bowls continued between Christmas and New Year and Cyril did the catering on all our playing days Thank you Cyril for your help, saving us from having to self-cater!!

After some difficult times, D Green was brought back in to play on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January for the first of our Pennant practice matches. Enjoyable to play on after C green which was getting very worn having missed renovations last year. C Green is now under renovations and will hopefully be back in early March, weather permitting.

*Australia Day Sausage Sizzle* - 47 people for the sausage sizzle and 42 bowlers, seven full rinks of triples games on D Green.

Thank you to all the members who assisted with the day particularly Ted, John and Kerrie for game arranging and data entry, Ashley and Brian in the Bar and the ladies serving the food and again thank you Cyril for doing the sausage cooking and food preparation.

The selectors are busy arranging practice games for the upcoming Pennant season, these games will be played straight through with no afternoon tea break, to toughen us up for the rigors of the Pennant season.

We have been close to a Pennant in the last few years so this may be our year.

*Welfare:* Warwick Davis has had a slip and injured his right knee tendon and will be not bowling for a fair time, we wish you a speedy recovery Warwick and please visit us at the Club when you are mobile again.

Thanks to Sonny for stepping in to do the draw for the President's Two-Bowl Triples and putting it on the notice board.

*Committee - Bowls Section*



## LADIES BOWLING SECTION REPORT

The last event of the year was our Christmas Party. On 13<sup>th</sup> December. 58 attended the day and enjoyed a delicious lunch of roast ham / turkey and vegetables followed by chocolate mousse. Everyone enjoyed themselves. We had Tina Hyman, *the jewellery lady* bring along her jewellery and a number of ladies were able to buy some last minute gifts.

We will return to playing on Tuesdays only on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The men also enjoyed a Christmas gathering on the 17<sup>th</sup> December, where the giant raffle was drawn.



Amazingly 5 ladies were lucky to win either a turkey or a ham. They were Helen Bailey, Helen Stromsmoe, Heather Bradley, Annette Renshaw, Sue O'Keefe.

We were saddened with the passing of Trish Somerville and Helen Dobbie. Both keen players in their day.

We now look forward to Foundation Day on 21<sup>st</sup> February. It will be 51 years since the women were affiliated with Womens' Bowls NSW. We will be celebrating this day with bowls and lunch

The event originally called Ku-ring-gai Top 9 will now be called *The Warrawee Rose Carnival*

Our AGM will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2023



*Committee - Women's Bowls Section*





# **51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Foundation Day!**

**Tuesday 21st February 2023**

**9:30 Morning Tea, 10am Bowls, 1pm Lunch**

- + Enjoy a Morning Tea, Bowls and 2 Course Lunch to celebrate another successful year!**
- + Cold Lunch is Rare Roast Beef and Salads with Fruit Salad and Ice Cream finishing with Celebration Cake, Tea and Coffee.**

**Lunch and Bowls \$40, Lunch Only \$35**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!**

**Please RSVP Sue on 0402 282 990**

**(Or add your name to the list in the Club)**





Coming soon to the Warravee Club

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023



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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

### THE COTTAGE

You may or may not be aware that the land occupied by our Cottage and the adjacent carpark, at the southern end of our property, once belonged to the adjacent property to the south,



This land formed part of the back yard of the adjacent property and included a disused tennis court.

In 1953, the owner sub-divided his land to create a new residential building block. The new block had an approximate size of 1,000 square metres ("quarter-acre") with a substantial frontage to the Highway.

When it came on the market, it was immediately snapped up by wealthy Club member William McIlrath for £2,375.

What did William do with the land? He donated it to the Club with the express purpose of building a Greenkeeper's Cottage on it.

He then funded the cost of construction of the cottage. It was completed on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 1954 at a cost of £3,100. The first occupant was Syd Musgrove who had been the Club's greenkeeper since 1948.

William McIlrath was born in Ireland in 1876 and was only a teenager when his family migrated to Australia in 1890.

The family prospered in their new homeland, establishing numerous pastoral properties. In 1897 they also established a chain of grocery stores named after themselves, M<sup>c</sup>ILRATH'S.

The stores were spread across the state and numbered 62 at their height.

I remember my mother doing her grocery shopping at McIlrath's in Mosman in the 1950s. It was just across the road from where our family lived, in a flat above a shop in Military Road.



*McIlrath's grocery store in Five Dock in 1950*





*Home deliveries 1918*



*Home deliveries 1948*

William put his wealth to good use becoming a high-profile philanthropist. This article appeared in the Australian Dictionary of Biography, Volume 10:

*William was a generous benefactor. In 1938 he gave £10,000 to the Prince Henry Hospital and £10,000 to the Commonwealth government for the war effort in 1941. Elected to the board of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in 1939, in addition to £2500 donated in 1936 he gave an undisclosed but substantial sum to the hospital to establish visiting 'guest professorships' for 'men of high academic standing in the world of medicine and the allied sciences'. In 1953 he gave £50,000 to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization for animal husbandry research. He was a foundation member of the council and a benefactor of Knox Grammar School.*



*William McIlrath*

*William was a member of the Australian and New South Wales clubs and his private annual dinner at the latter to Hereford breeders was a notable show-time event. His main recreation was bowling at the Warrawee club.*

Shortly after the opening of the Cottage, at a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December 1954, William was elected a Life Member of the Club in appreciation of his generosity.

Unfortunately, William died suddenly of a heart attack while addressing his fellow directors in the company's offices in Pitt Street on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1955. He was 79.

He was survived by his wife and a daughter.

Upon William's passing, the McIlrath's grocery stores were sold to Woolworths.

### **EMAILS TO MEMBERS**

I regularly send emails to the entire membership of our Club. They not only include these newsletters but also individual items that I consider to be of general interest.

I use different mailing lists for different items but sometimes, there could be upwards of 500 recipients. This occasionally causes problems.

Sometimes, I am approached by a member with the question "everybody else in the Club received your email but I did not, why?"

The answer is that all email systems have the ability to filter out some unsolicited or "junk" emails, and the level of filtering can vary from system to system. One to the criteria used is the number of recipients. If the filter sees hundreds of recipients, it assumes that this is some form of commercial marketing and moves the email into the "Spam" or "Junk" folder.



For instance, emails from the ANZ bank, with whom I have an account, sometimes end up in my Spam folder.

I check my Spam folder regularly and sometimes, find some useful stuff there. I recommend that everybody checks their Spam folder occasionally but caution against opening an email from a sender you do not recognise.

*Hillar*

**Secretary – Warrawee Bowling Club**

### CONCLUSION FOR THE MONTH

We now have a stock of all sizes of Unisex Club Jackets. Very smart with our new logo! Prepare for the coming winter – see Brian or ask at the bar. Cost is \$85 ( the Club sells them at cost with no profit at all).

Club Manager, Kevin has been taking annual leave during January. Before Christmas, he went from the Club to a fancy dress party as Crocodile Kevin Dundee.

A reminder that our Club website address is:-

<https://warraweclub.com.au>

We have also registered

<https://warraweclub.au>

which will also connect to our website – a necessary step to protect against anyone else taking that web address.

*Brian H*





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