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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2023

WELCOME

Hello everyone, welcome to the October newsletter, I hope you find it interesting!

With our Chair Brian overseas for a few days you will have to put up with your Secretary producing this newsletter.

I came across an interesting situation through the week with regards to food handling at commercial premises. This is covered by such things as the NSW Government Food Standards Code.

Our Club already complies with this Code as far as our mainstream kitchen and bar activities are concerned. However, from 8 December 2023, a revised Code will come into effect extending its reach.

There are currently a number of business types that are exempt from food handling legislation. These include the following:

- Charities and not-for-profit organisations
- School canteens
- Childcare services
- Correctional centres
- Delicatessens
- Supermarkets
- Juice vendors
- Coffee vendors
- Mobile food vendors
- Takeaway shops (Charcoal Charlie, Baker's Delight etc.)

From 8 December, these businesses will have to fall in line with restaurants, cafes, hotels, clubs and the like.

There are a few grey areas in this legislation and it is unclear if Sausage Sizzles are included, such as those run by our Club, or Bunnings. In case we are required to comply, I did some research.

Food handlers will require the Food Handler Basic Certificate issued by the NSW Food Authority, so I logged into their website to see what was involved.

The Food Authority offers a free, on-line course so I undertook it.



The course consists of 7 modules as follows:

- Module 1: Being a food handler
- Module 2: Personal hygiene
- Module 3: Food contamination
- Module 4: Food handling
- Module 5: Food delivery, storage and display
- Module 6: Cleaning and sanitising
- Module 7: Food allergens

Along the way, your progress is tested with a number (31 in all) of questions which you will have to answer correctly before the program lets you proceed.

Some of the questions require a simple true/false response. Others give you multiple answers (3 or 4) to choose from. If you get one wrong, it invites you to go back and retry. Nobody fails this section.

At the end there is an Assessment Quiz containing 30 questions with multiple choice answers. If you pass, you will end up with a certificate like the one alongside.

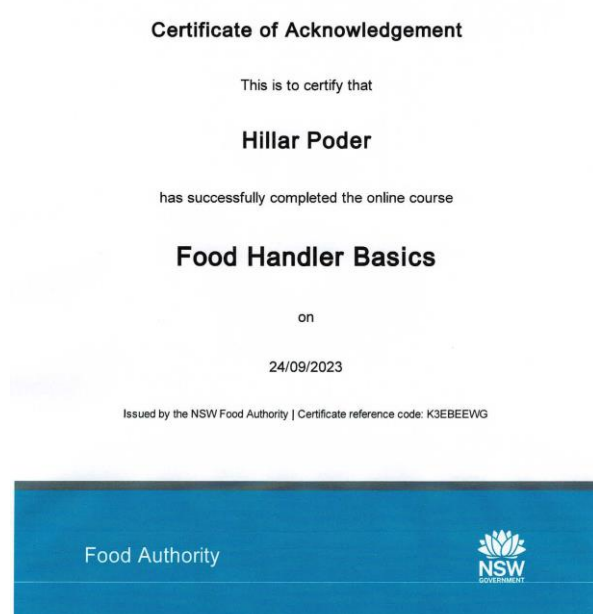
It took me an hour or so to complete and I found it only mildly challenging.

I thoroughly enjoyed the exercise and it plugged a couple of gaps in my knowledge. I will certainly be doing a few things differently at home.

If you have an hour in your life to spare, I encourage you to try it, even if you never have to put it to practical use. It will be handy personally.

If you do undertake the course, I will be interested in hearing about it. In the meantime, pass me the tongs please.

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“Faulty Towers Dining Experience”

Complete with all the antics, the rat and the underwear. (You’ll just have to be here....!) This brilliant interactive comedy which takes off the classic BBC series, has been running for 25 years in Australia. Click below to read further, and book your tickets now. Be part of the last show for 2023 at Warrawee....

“SAVE THE DATE”

Thursday 16th November



Also added to this company’s lineup is

“Confetti and Chaos”

This is something else that you could be interested in, being produced by this same company as Faulty Towers. Why not double up and come to both? Tickets still available. **Prizes for the Best Dressed Couple and Best Dressed Single.**

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WELCOME TO CROQUET

The members of the Warrawee Croquet Club pride themselves on having a first-class lawn surrounded by manicured gardens. Thanks to the club's green keepers the lawn is recognised as one of the best prepared croquet lawns in Sydney.



Our parent, the Warrawee Bowling Club is one of the few 100+ year old bowling clubs in Sydney and the oldest on Sydney's upper North Shore. If you are interested in playing Croquet, it would be difficult to find a more friendly and inclusive club.

The club specialises in conducting corporate events and private functions where Croquet can easily be part of the outdoor celebrations. Accordingly, we welcome members' and visitors' enquiries to use our facilities for private functions, community, and corporate events. Just call Kevin, our Club Manager, on (02)9489 1092 to discuss your requirements. See more on our website warraweecroquetclub.com.au.

Golf Croquet Coaching – Level 2

Brent Fuller arranged for a day of coaching at the WCC by Pam Gentle who is the NSW State Coaching Co-Ordinator, a very experienced accredited GC level 2 Coach and a member of Maitland Croquet Club.

The morning session covered basic skills and stroke making, while the afternoon session covered strategy and tactics being the individual steps need to be successful at the sport.

A little time was lost in the afternoon due to rain. However, Pam has suggested by way of follow up at an appropriate time, that a full day of situation analysis would be of great benefit.



The twelve members who attended the session found the day invaluable. So now it is up to us to put our new knowledge into practice.

As in all sports, good coaching, commitment, and ongoing training sessions improves one's game and put them in good stead for competition.

Our grateful thanks to Pam for generously giving up her time and travelling down to help develop our GC skills.

Stay tuned for more of the same in 2023-24



Club Coaching Mallets – Out with the old and in with the new.

Over our 34-year reign we have accumulated a collection of classic wood croquet mallets in various conditions, shapes, and sizes, all of which have served the club well as entry level Croquet coaching mallets.

Through the running of Corporate Croquet functions the club has accumulated sufficient funds to acquire five new coaching mallets from PCF. Croquet Mallets Makers,



The mallets are made from spring alloy using a laser CAD machine to produce. They are finished with soft shock absorbent grip and engraved with the club's name just in case they get lost!

The finished product is lighter than our existing 3 lb. mallets and it is reported the mallets have a fast transfer of power requiring less effort in the stroke, allowing the user to concentrate on the accuracy of their shot.

Hopefully, we can repeat this acquisition in 2024 to include a variety of mallet makers to support our coaching efforts and corporate function needs as well as offering a choice to our members and guests to try before going out to buy their own mallet.



Trophy presentation lunch '23

Croquet function and celebration lunches on the balcony overlooking the greens is something that is done often and so well by our members.

Organised by our Social Secretary - Marilyn Pryor - and a small band of helpers, a two-course soiree of delights was prepared and served to some 30 Croquet companions.

Always great social outings with the opportunity to unite with other club members over lunch and a tap and chat beforehand.

Our next social outing is "***SPRING INTO CROQUET***" on Saturday 14th October, 9am-5pm when the Committee cordially invites you to a day on the lawn and a BBQ lunch.

Come for the day or for an hour, meet your fellow enthusiasts and enjoy another social game or three during the best playing season in the year.





From the Club Captains table

2023 Association Croquet Singles Championship – Final. (Level play)

1st September : Congratulations and well done to John Bartrop on his success in winning the 2023 Club Association Croquet Championship for the second year running. Although not having recently played much Association Croquet, Brett Rogers was still a worthy challenger who by his own assessment of his play was that he made too many errors, and missed critical 'must make' shots, but not to take anything away from John's consistent tactically challenging placements for Brett to reply.

Results were - Game 1: 21/14 - John in 2.30 hours.

Game 2: 26/5 - John in 2:10 hours.

2023 Golf Croquet Singles Championship – Final. (Level play)

8th September : A cool Friday morning and although there were passing showers, some rain periods which soon cleared, Brett Rogers and John Bartrop were so focused on their attack, defend and strategies that the weather conditions were just something to talk about at the end of each game.

Another 'arm wrestle' between these highly graded members, and congratulations to John on his win - 7/5 and 7/5 in the best of three games. Congratulations also to Brett on his fine games and his attacking style of play to every hoop throughout the match.

2023 Golf Croquet Doubles Championship – Final. (Level play)

25th September : Four teams entered this round-robin event. A special thanks to Robin Evans and Jenny Tange for teaming up to balance the draw. Both played well to force a count back despite not having played or practiced for six weeks with Robin returned from an extended holiday in North Queensland to participate.

Also, thanks to Deb Heagney and Jenny Ellwood for their support in organising the draw.

The last match was played on the 25th of September. Finishing equal first was team Peter Armstrong & Brent Fuller with team Beth & Scott Marnane, and after a count back, winners for the 2023 Doubles Championships are Peter Armstrong and Brent Fuller. Congratulations Peter and Brent.

Congratulations to all players that participated in these Championship tournaments, and we look forward to your participation in the upcoming handicap events .

Remember, handicapping in sport is the practice of assigning advantage through scoring compensation given to different contestants to equalise the chances of winning.

Scott

Club Captain





WCC - Sponsorship

It is official. Club sponsors “Mr. Nice Plumbing,” Charlie and Jessy Crane proprietors have increased their sponsorship funding to help fund the Croquet Clubs internal and external competitions and club activities during 2023/24.

Hopefully, this incentive will encourage greater participation and assist in driving that social interaction sporting clubs strive to achieve.

Charlie is no stranger to the game is a heavy hitter influenced by his coach, will pop in for a game on the odd Friday afternoon after a diligent working week.



Dates for your Diary

- **6th October**, Entries close for the Championship AC Open Handicap Singles “Joan Vincent Trophy”
- **13th October**, Friday. Private Function booking 2pm to 4pm, 16 guests playing.
- **14th October**, Saturday. **“Spring into Croquet”** 9am-to 4pm. Members Day, BBQ balcony lunch.
- **15th October**, Sunday Private function 4pm to 7pm group from St Ives Corpus Christi - twilight Croquet
- **30th October**, Entries open for Croquet NSW GC Handicap Singles. (CD: 24/11.)

Meet the newly elected WCC Committee for 2023/2024

The 34th Annual general meeting of the Warrawee Croquet club was held in the Club’s board room on Saturday the 19th of August 2023. The following members having previously nominated were elected in compliance with Clause 6.2.1 of the WCC By-Laws:

- **Beth Marnane:** Secretary.
- **Paul Dewar:** Greens and Grounds Officer.
- **Marilyn Pryor:** Social Officer.

The following members were elected from the floor in compliance with Clause 6.7.1 d of the WCC By-Laws:

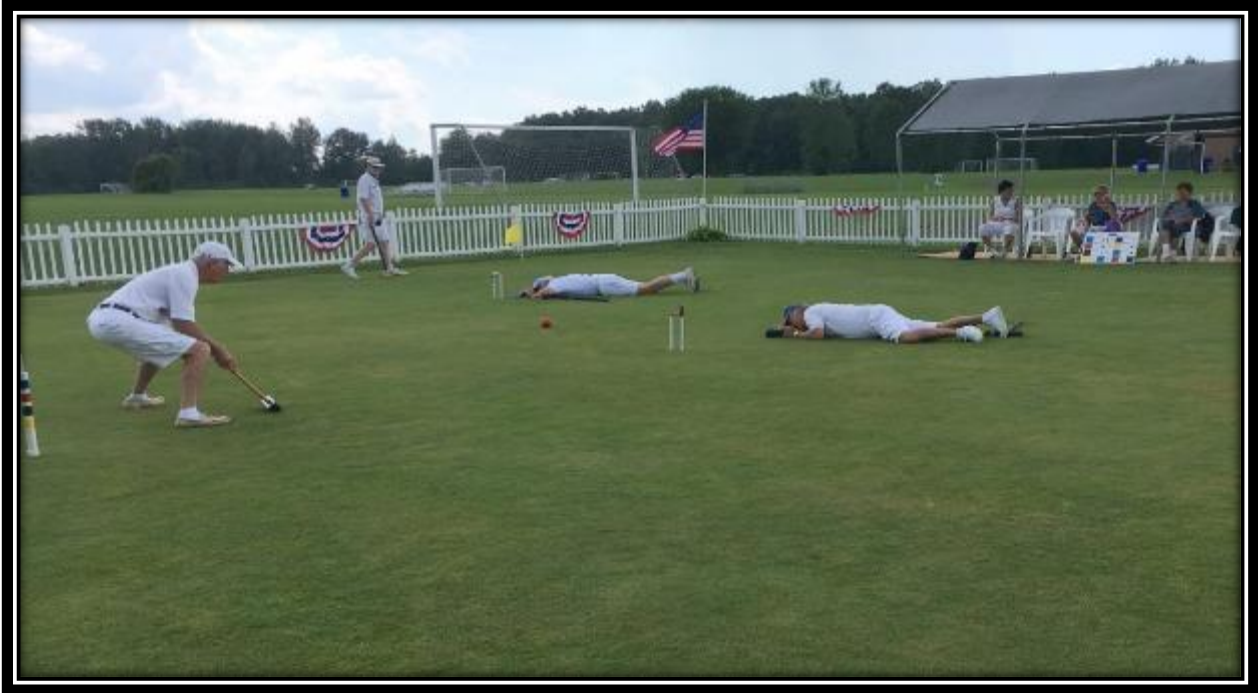
- **Peter Armstrong:** President.
- **Lynne Jones:** Vice President
- **Scott Marnane:** Club Captain

A very warm welcome to Scott and Beth Marnane to the Committee and our thanks and appreciation to Brent Fuller- Past Secretary, Peter Wilkinson - Past Treasurer and Jenny Ellwood -Past Club Captain for their years of service and devotion to the club especially during the pandemic when lockdowns and social distancing were the orders of the day.



As previously mentioned, our challenge in 2013/14 is to change our direction from recruitment to participation by encouraging our members involvement and develop a culture of learning and advancement for players to improve their game and enjoyment of the sport of croquet. This initiative is well underway with the recent Level 2 GC Coaching class and the acquisition of new coaching mallets.

What is going on here, you may ask?



For the uninitiated readers, this photo of a Croquet game in the USA may look somewhat unusual, but for an ardent Associated Croquet (AC) follower, it's simply described as: 'Players lining up peels in a double banked game'.

Translated: A double banked game in Croquet is where two games are played concurrently on one lawn using differently coloured sets of balls. (Primary and secondary colours). A peel is where you cause a ball, other than the one you are striking, to run its next hoop and thereby score a point . (A cannon shot in snooker)

What makes this photo unusual is that coincidentally two players competing in different games on the same lawn, both are attempting to play the same shot, a peel, at the same time. Players are lying down to ensure the balls are perfectly lined up with the hoop, Accuracy is vital in croquet as in competition the gap between the hoop and the ball as it passes through is the thickness of a well-used credit card.

The mark of a champion player is being able to complete a triple peel. To qualify the player must peel another ball through 4-back, penult, rover (Hoops 10, 11, 12) and peg it out (finish) whilst taking their own ball through its hoops in turn something that only happens amongst the better AC players.

And you thought they were taking a three o'clock poppy nap mmmmm.

D'Caf Connection - Volunteer Community Support Group

Last Thursday the 28th we renewed our relationship with D'Caf Connection, a local community NFP group that cares for people with early onset dementia by providing sixteen of their members with the lawn, equipment, and coaching. Our volunteers Beth, Anne, Scott, and Paul provided introductory coaching and a very social and casual game of golf croquet. The session was



enjoyed by all, and appreciated by D'Caf while our volunteers gladly offered their time and energy to ensure another successful and very enjoyable outing.

Well, that is all from the desk for now. In the meantime, keep your head down and follow through and enjoy the vibe in the company of good friends.



Peter

President - Warrawee Croquet Club.

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BOWLS SECTION REPORT

What wonderful weather we have had for bowls in the months of August and September. Days have been mild, sunny and windless – ideal conditions for bowls.

On 28 August 2023 the Bowls Section Annual General Meeting was held.

The committee for the 2023/24 year is:

- President: Malcolm Kirby.
- Vice President: Virginia Armstrong.
- Secretary: John Berry.
- Bowls Secretary: Warwick Davis.
- Assistant Bowls Secretary: Kerrie Lyons.
- Committee members: John Douglas, Allan Ramsay and Peter Ward.

Many thanks to those members who are continuing for another year and to Kerrie for becoming a new committee member. Thanks to Garry Pearce for his past services to the club.

Selection Panel for the 2023/24 year is:

- Chairman: David Russell.
- Secretary: Ted Metcalf.
- Selectors: John Bryan, Helen Stromsmoe (also coach) and Keith Jacobs.

Peter Armstrong and Ashley Mills have resigned from the Selection Panel. I would like to congratulate the previous Panel and Coach for selecting and training the Grade 7 side to win the 2022/23 Zone Open Gender Pennant. There will be more wins ahead after this 84 year gap.



Club Championship Matches.

The outcome of each round of a Club Competition can be viewed at the bottom of the Bowls tab on the Club webpage: (<https://warraweclub.com.au/bowls>)

Fred Newson Open Handicap Pairs. This kicked off the club matches for 2023/24. The final was between the team of Bruce Nicholls / Ken Li and Lewis Price / Len Hyde, with Ken Li's team victorious.



Bruce Nicholls & Ken Li



Len Hyde & Lewis Price

Club Open Triples Championship. The final was played between the teams of Greg Tuckwell, Steve Ogden and Tony Fabro against Lindy Russell, Bruce Nicholls and David Russell. Tony's team became the Champions.



Steve Ogden, Tony Fabro & Greg Tuckwell



David Russell, Bruce Nichols & Lindy Russell

Club Open Major Singles. There were standout matches. The first named bowler in the following was successful. Peter Crawley vs. Keith Hanley, Tony Fabro vs. David Russell and Ken Li vs. Malcolm Kirby. Allan Ramsay had a long battle with Greg Tuckwell and Jon Lancaster had a narrow win over Allan Ramsay in a similar long match. In later rounds, Peter Crawley trailed 10 to 20 to Ashley Mills. However, a momentum shift saw Peter win by two points. An excellent game to watch.

The final, Tony Fabro vs. Peter Crawley, was eagerly awaited and played on Wednesday 20th September. This was a hard fought match and Tony had to come from behind to win. Congratulations Tony as you have now won this event five times. Congratulations also to Peter as you have reached the finals of the Championship Open Singles in your second year of bowling.



Club Chair Brian Harris with Tony Fabro and Peter Crawley

Presidents Open Two Bowl Triples. The final was played between teams of Greg Tuckwell, Steve Ogden and Tony Fabro against John Berry, Doug Brown and Peter Crawley. The match was very close in the early stages but as the match wore on Tony's team increased its lead to win. It is great to see John, Doug and Peter, three relative new bowlers, reach the final. They did so well against an experienced team, all of whom have been Club Major Singles winners. Well done bowlers.



Greg Tuckwell, Tony Fabro & Steve Ogden



Peter Crawley, Doug Brown & John Berry



Additional Events.

Jack Harkness Memorial “6s & 7s” Invitational Tournament. We were one of 16 clubs invited to participate in this fours event at Mosman in September. Cam Watters, Greg Tuckwell, Steve Ogden and Tony Fabro made it to the second round.

Rookies Pairs. Ashley Mills and Peter Crawley entered the pairs and won their first two matches. They were equal first on the day but lost on a count back.

Men’s Champion of Club Champions Singles. Tony Fabro represented Warrawee in this event in June and was defeated in the Preliminaries on a count back.

Men’s Champion of Club Champions Pairs. Ken Potter and Ashley Mills played in this event in June and won their first two Rounds.

Zone 9 Singles. In August, Ashley Mills entered the State Singles and both Steve Ogden and Tony Fabro played in the Senior Singles. Tony made his way through to the Zone quarter finals.

Bowls NSW State Rookie Singles. Ashley Mills won his section in early September and is a State Finals Qualifier. The finals will be played at the Raymond Terrace Bowling Club at the end of November

Zone 9 Reserve Pairs. Ashley Mills and Keith Jacobs played this competition in mid September but did not progress past the preliminary rounds.

Ku ring-gai Shield. This is an annual event sponsored by Council, restricted to clubs within the municipality: namely Killara, Lindfield, St Ives, Turramurra, Warrawee and West Pymble. Unfortunately Killara was unable to raise a team of ten players.

Each club competes in the singles, pairs, triples and fours. Our team was Peter Crawley, Ashley Mills, Keith Jacobs, Paul Mackenzie, Warwick Davis, Malcolm Kirby, Cam Watters, Greg Tuckwell, Steve Ogden and Tony Fabro. St Ives retained the Shield.

Tuesday Consistency Competition. The results of this competition since the last Newsletter are tabled below.

Month	First	Second	Third
June	Clive King	Kerrie Lyons	Graham Lightfoot
July	Dave Anthony	Barry Lambert	Tarek Nashar
August	Dave Anthony	Peter Stamford	Doug Stewart

Brokenwood Challenge. The third Open Gender Challenge of the year was held at the end of August. The greens were full with 84 players and we have had to turn several teams away.

All members of the 14 winning teams received a bottle of Brokenwood wine. The team with the highest winning margin was John Bartrop, Graeme Manning and Vicki Bartrop. The next highest margin was the team of Andrew Thompson, Eric DeBeer and Max Bridgeman.

CreightonS. They will be sponsoring a special Open Gender Event on the 16th October. It will be run on a similar format to the Brokenwood Challenge. Get your teams together for this day and enter it or enter as an individual on one of the notice boards at each end of the Clubhouse.



In the June newsletter, with all the euphoria of the Pennant win, I mentioned that several players in the winning 2022/23 Zone Pennant side had also been involved in the winning of the Mid-Week Triples flag in 2018.

I neglected to mention that David Russell was one of these players which included Brian Harris, Graham Lightfoot and Ken Potter. David skipped one of the Mid-Week teams. My apologies for this David.

Committee - Bowls Section

LADIES SECTION REPORT

Once again it has been a very busy few weeks for the Ladies Club.

It commenced with the Inaugural Rose Cup sponsored by M.E. Ward. This was a Club Selected Triples Competition and was attended by 12 Clubs throughout The North Shore and Manly Warringah Districts. Warrawee were delighted to win the Cup which is proudly displayed in the Club.

Our next major fund raising event will be the Fashion Parade to be held on Monday, 9th October to be sponsored by Mt Wilga Private Hospital and fashions by The Golden Girls. We are hoping for a good response.



Jan Simpson, Sue O'Keefe & Helen Stromsmoe

For bookings please put your name on the list which is up at the Club or ring Sue O'Keefe on 0402 282 990. Cost is \$25 for a Chicken and Champagne light lunch.

Once again we will be holding a Melbourne Cup function with details to follow. So put the date in your diary the first Tuesday in November. The format will be bowls, Mahjong and Bridge.

The Club Fours has been in full swing and the final will be played next Tuesday between Margaret Stubleby's Team and Jan Simpson's Team. It should be a cracker.

We have recommenced our Thursday Morning bowls on the first Thursday of each month. The next one will be on Thursday 5th October, 2023. Just ring in and play will commence at 10.00 a.m.

Friday bridge is slowly increasing in numbers and we look forward to more of our members and social players coming along to enjoy a happy morning of cards with Cyril's excellent morning tea.

That's all for now.

Committee - Women's Bowls Section



PROPERTY NEWSLETTER FROM OUR SPONSOR

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WARRAWEE CLUB PROPERTY NEWSLETTER.

SEPTEMBER 2023.

Sydney Property Values Continue To Grow, Hitting 8.8% Since January 2023.

As we welcome the start of the Spring Selling season, the Sydney property market continues to display resilience, with new listings and buyer activity increasing in unison.

Sydney's auction volume saw another increase last week, second only to the pre-Easter spike. Meanwhile, the preliminary clearance rate remained strong, sitting above the 2023 average at 75%, according to CoreLogic.

CoreLogic's dwelling value figures for Sydney show a 1.1% increase in August, up from the July gain of 0.9%. The city has recorded an 8.8% growth since the trough in January this year.

Locally, MCY insights reveal a significant uptick in buyer activity; we saw more buyers at our inspections last weekend than we have since August 2022. This surge in interest is in line with the overall market trends, reinforcing the strength of Sydney's property market.

While online portals offer easy access to property value estimates, their algorithms are limited to basic features and can't account for variables like presentation, street appeal, finishes, and access. For a comprehensive and reliable valuation of your home in the current market, speaking with me directly is the best approach.

If you're selling this year, it's not too late! I'd be delighted to help you make the most of your property presentation and the current market conditions, so call me now on 0435750620.

Kind Regards,
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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

STEWART LAMB

Former Club member Stewart Lamb is best remembered for setting up the Langer Painting Trophy competition against Killara Bowling Club.

This is a biannual event that has been running continuously between the two clubs since 1974. Next year, we will see the 100th running of this competition. Warrawee and Killara take turns in hosting the event.

Stewart and fellow Club member Arthur Salenger admired the similarities between the two clubs and decided to set up this friendly competition consisting of games of three-bowl triples between equal numbers of teams from the two clubs.

In order to create a lasting trophy for the event, Stewart donated a painting from his personal collection. This was an original oil painting by renowned artist Sir Erik Langker.

The winner would have custody of the painting until the next running of the event. Some years later, a smaller replica of the painting was created. This was so the loser could reserve a space on the club's wall for a future return of the original.

Stewart was part of the Lamb Family that ended up owning a number of radio and television broadcasting outlets.

The Family was established by Stewart's father John Lamb who was born in Scotland and emigrated to Australia, arriving in Sydney in 1911. John was a tailor's cutter who worked at a number of menswear stores in Sydney before moving to Newcastle, where he set up his own menswear store, Elliotts Ltd.

Success in this venture ignited a passion for broadcasting. In 1947, he bought Newcastle radio station 2KO and this was followed by Sydney radio station 2UE in 1954. In 1960, he secured Newcastle's first commercial television licence and established channel NBN3.

Ability and astute investments enabled John Lamb to acquire other broadcasting interests in Adelaide (channel NWS9), at Kempsey and at Port Macquarie through his family company, Broadcast Investments Pty Ltd. Later he acquired Sydney FM radio station 2DAY-FM and Brisbane's 4BC.

He did not flaunt his wealth and influence, travelling by bus to work and by train to Sydney for 2UE board-meetings. Lamb was modest and quiet about his achievements, and generous in sharing the benefits they conferred. Few of his employees could understand a word of his thick "Scottish burr"; his "largely unintelligible speech" at the annual 2KO Christmas party was a cause of much merriment.

John had three sons, John, Hugh and Stewart.

John and Hugh continued to run the menswear business while Stewart joined his father in Broadcast Investments Pty Ltd, taking an active interest in radio station 2UE.





At the time, 2UE was traditional radio station broadcasting drama in the form of serials, quiz shows and variety shows.

These were punctuated at times through the day by the presentation of news, usually lasting 15 or 30 minutes at a time.

When television started in 1956, many industry pundits were worried about radio's future viability.

They were worried that people would prefer to consume drama with pictures rather than just listen to it.



During an overseas business trip in early '57 Stewart noticed a particular music format that was sweeping the United States. Along with 2UE's newly appointed general manager Alan Faulkner, who also hailed from Newcastle, they instigated what was then quite a radical approach to Australian radio. It was called the Top 40.

The idea had come from the rise of jukebox culture, and from loosening restrictions for playing music on air - prior to this, record labels feared that radio play would lead to a loss of sales. Upon his return to Australia, Stewart and Alan Faulkner, moved 2UE more and more in the direction of music programming.

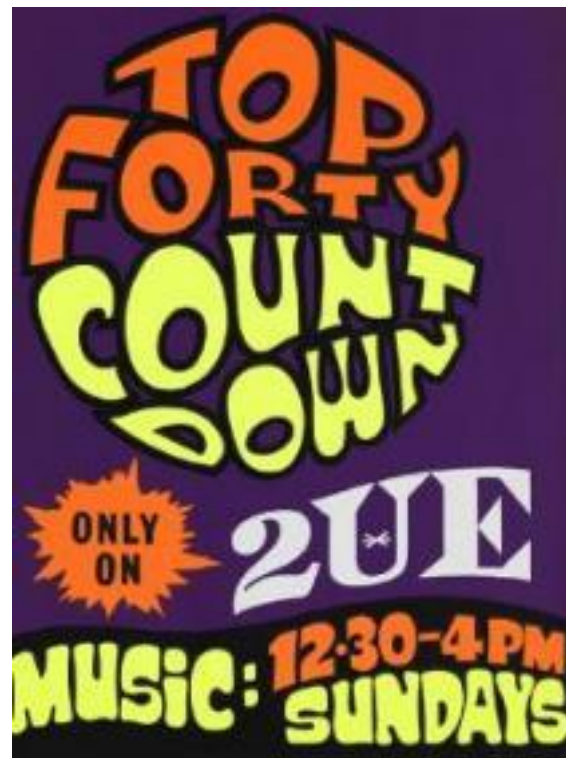
Stewart had a reputation for being a bit of risk taker. What he did with 2UE was certainly considered at the time as make or break stuff.

In the next 12 months 2UE moved more and more into music programming finally launching the Top 40 format, accompanied by the issuing of a weekly chart on 3 March 1958. Among the line up that day: John Laws, Bob Rogers, Gary O'Callaghan and Russ Walkington. It was one of key periods of Australian radio, eclipsing the previous 50 years.

It was clearly a brave decision to drop the serials and introduce an untested Top 40 format at a time the industry was fighting for its life. In 1998 in an interview he gave for the inside sleeve of a compilation CD celebrating 40 years of the Top 40 he said "It gave the rest a hurry up!" Something he continued to do throughout his career.

Top 40 was accompanied by the issuing of a weekly chart.

The music charts were devised by stations contacting selected record stores in their area and tabulating their sales figures. Music programs and disc jockeys (DJs) were not new to radio - hit parades and similar music shows had been popular before - but this marked the beginnings of contemporary music being played around the clock.





John Laws and Bob Rogers in 1961

Stewart enjoyed his bowls at Warrawee until well into the 1990s when ill health overtook him. Along the way, he took every opportunity to promote his club and the sport.

Broadcaster Ray Hadley recalls that, at his time as 2UE, he was often required to make announcements along the lines of “on the weekend, the Mixed Pairs Championship at Warrawee Bowling Club was won by Len and Brenda Duncan”.

Although he shunned the limelight, Stewart Lamb was an extremely human and sociable man – almost Puckish – who seemed eternally in good humour, and was responsible for many acts of generosity and kindness. He was a true entrepreneur in that he was prepared to take risks. He was one of that old school of honourable men whose word was their bond.

Long time 2UE breakfast announcer Gary O’Callaghan sent these comments to **radioinfo** about Lamb:

“It feels to talk about Stewart Lamb is almost a betrayal of the man who spent his life wishing to stay out of the public spotlight. For the almost a half century of knowing him one thing stood out, his desire for privacy and his commitment to his family”.

The new format spread and eventually led to the end of an era for radio serials, quiz shows and variety shows on Australian radio - the end of the golden age of radio. The week the Beatles arrived in Australia in June 1964 was the same week that radio serials largely ceased being heard on Sydney's metro commercial radio stations.

Stewart Lamb had the courage of his convictions. In the process of introducing Top 40 across the board and with a minimum of delay he wrote off a huge sum of stockpiled transcriptions – serials, dramas, etc.

Stewart joined Warrawee Bowling Club in 1960. His passion for the game began at a early age when his father was a member of Newcastle City Bowling Club. Father John would take his three sons to bowls, participating in organised games with them. John became a life member of Newcastle City Bowling Club and they named one of the greens after him.





Stewart looked upon radio not just as a way to make money but a way to play a part in making his country and its people better off. His work off the scene for charity and the way he used his radio stations for charity were legendary.

While he will not have liked the recognition he deserved, this Warrawee bowler will be recognised for the part he played in Australian Radio.”

Stewart passed away in May 2004.



The Langker Painting Trophy, proudly hanging up in our bar area

POSTSCRIPT: On 3rd September 2023, Foxtel's History Channel broadcast a documentary titled "Bob Rogers – Voice of a Generation". Part of this program covered Bob's time at 2UE during the advent of the Top 40 format. Stewart Lamb gets numerous mentions. It was a great nostalgia trip for a baby-boomer like myself who enthusiastically embraced Top 40 and helped elevate it to the heights only Stewart could have imagined. If you are a Foxtel subscriber, you should be able to track this down and stream it. It is well worth watching.

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Secretary – Warrawee Bowling Club



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