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VERY EARLY

THE MERIDIAN

JOTTINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

G'DAY COBBERS,

HOW TIME DOES FLY. SEEMS LIKE ONLY TEN MINUTES AGO THAT I DUSTED OFF MY CANON ES5 TO TYPE THE LAST 'JOTTINGS'. ANYHOW, HERE WE GO AGAIN.

WE ARE USING A GREAT DEAL OF PAPER TO PRODUCE MERIDIANS, PARTICULARLY AS WE ARE USING ONE SIDE ONLY OF THE PAPER (THERE IS A GOOD REASON FOR THIS). SO, A NEW PROCEDURE WILL BE ADOPTED AS FROM THIS ISSUE. FEWER COPIES WILL BE PRODUCED BUT WE WILL SPREAD AROUND THE CLUB A NUMBER OF COPIES MARKED "NOT TO BE REMOVED". PLEASE READ THESE COPIES AS OPPORTUNITY OFFERS, I.E. OVER YOUR LUNCH, SITTING OUT AT BRIDGE, WAITING FOR AN EVENT TO START, AND SO ON. TAKE A COPY HOME BY ALL MEANS, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO, BUT OTHERWISE PLEASE READ ONE OF THOSE AROUND THE CLUB.

I'M VERY PLEASED TO SAY THAT JEAN MANLEY HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO RESUME ORGANISING THE TRAVEL AND TRIPS SIDE OF OUR CLUB. CHECK THE BOARD FOR DETAILS OF CURRENT HAPPENINGS.

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE JIMMY WILSON BACK WITH US AGAIN AFTER A COUPLE OF BRIEF SPELLS IN HOSPITAL. WELCOME BACK, LAD.

OURS IS A VERY VIABLE CLUB, YOU KNOW, FINANCIALLY SECURE AND ALL THAT, AND ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THIS SECURITY IS OUR RAFFLE ORGANISATION. WE TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A RAFFLE AND I NOW WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO DONATE THE PRIZES, THOSE WHO ORGANISE THE RAFFLES, THOSE WHO SELL THE TICKETS AND LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, THOSE WHO BUY THEM. BLESS YOU ALL.

AND WHILE I'M IN THE MOOD FOR HANDING OUT BOUQUETS, A REALLY BIG 'THANK YOU' TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND THE COMMITTEE WHO KEEP A DUTY IN THE CLUB, ON EACH WEEK DAY, BETWEEN 10.00 a.m. AND 2.30 p.m. THE DUTY MEMBER RECEIVES AND BANKS MONIES, WELCOMES AND SIGNS-UP NEW MEMBERS, AND GENERALLY REPRESENTS THE CLUB IN MY ABSENCE.

FOLLOWING UPON THE TWO SUCCESSFUL TRIPS, ORGANISED ON LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN RECENTLY, THERE IS TO BE A SECOND INTER-CLUB MEETING TO DISCUSS THE NEXT JOINT VENTURE. THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT OUR CLUB NEXT MONDAY, 15TH, AND IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS ABOUT WHAT WE COULD DO PLEASE SEE ME OR ASK THE DUTY MEMBER TO PUT A NOTE IN THE BOOK.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD? IN THE POWER OF PRAYER? HERE'S A LITTLE STORY: JOAN AND I WENT INTO THE CLUB, LAST THURSDAY MORNING, TO BE MET BY A VERY DISTRESSED MEMBER. THIS LADY HAD BEEN SHOPPING AND HAD LEFT HER PURSE CONTAINING, AMONG OTHER ITEMS, A LARGE SUM OF MONEY, IN THE STORE. RUSHED BACK, PURSE GONE, NOT HANDED-IN. REPORTED THE LOSS TO THE POLICE. YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW THE POOR LADY WAS FEELING. SHE ASKED US TO PRAY. WE DID. WE PRAYED THAT THE LORD WOULD HELP HER. HE DID. DURING THE AFTERNOON SOMEONE HANDED-IN THE PURSE TO THE COMMONWEALTH BANK, CONTENTS INTACT. THANK YOU, LORD.

PEACE BE WITH YOU, MY FRIENDS.

Eric.