

Dear Members,

It is with regret that a letter was received from Ros Hinton to resign from the position of President. In her letter Ros writes -"My daughter continues in the Intensive Care Unit at the Canberra Hospital and, for the foreseeable future, there is no prospect of my devoting the time and attention which the duties of President require."

Ros does thank everybody that expressed concern for her daughter. We all wish her daughter a speedy recovery. During her short term of being President, Ros and her committee:-

- organised the notice boards
- organised a spring clean throughout the club
- saw the completion of the extension
- when "building control" omitted to advise on the necessity of fitting EXIT lights, did not hesitate to have these fitted one day before the official opening of the extension
- arranged for the Governor General to open the extension
- invited Sir William Deane to become the clubs patron
- organised a grant from Lend Lease towards the cost of a new dishwasher
- commenced proceedings to re-negotiate the hiring contracts
- received a \$1,000 donation from Rotary
- called tenders for, evaluated and arranged for the fitting of vertical blinds and re-carpeting
- arranged from the Lions Club a donation of a bar fridge.

Not a bad record of achievements. If I have missed any other happenings, please consider these being mentioned.

Its going to be a hard act to follow.

- General The fete this year will be on Saturday 5th APRIL. Stall holders and helpers will be required. Please see if you can help in any way.
 - For security reasons, a lock will be fitted to the rear screen door when the door is open for ventilation in the hotter weather. This is the stop any non-members from just wandering in.
 - Vertical Blinds. There still seems to be a problem on the correct method of operating these.

To open or close (drawing), the verticals must be parallel, not flat closed, before using the pull cord.

There is only a limited number of times that the manufacturer will send out repairmen to fix them at no cost to the club.

 Volunteers to prepare the afternoon tea at the Saturday afternoon social are asked to come forward.

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Thankyou to the people who parked their cars on the grass area whenever a "trip" has been arranged. This leaves the paved area clear for the regular activities attendees. If people have problems, please use the suggestion box, or put the matter in writing to a committee member. Only signed suggestions are brought forward to the committee meeting.

This one turned out much longer than planned. The next one will be much shorter.

From your new President

Santo Giuliano

INDOOR BOWLS

Firstly it is very nice to be able to once again to have the Meridian Back. Our Indoor Bowls Group have been going along fine and the new addition to the Club, the extension where we now play bowls on Wednesday and Friday is great. Yesterday 20th Feb we celebrated 2 of our long time bowls members - Margaret Smiths 80th birthday and Doll Marks 93rd birthday at the Yamba Sports Club for Lunch. Doll still turns up on Friday and still plays a very mean game - Lyle her son and his wife brought along a lovely birthday cake with both Margarets and Dolls name on it - we all had an excellent lunch and a great time. Twenty seven attended.

To all other members of the club, if you wish to come along on a Wednesday or Friday around 11.30 am please do - its good exercise and a lot of fun. You will get plenty of help from all of us.

Wrong Bias Gerry M.

TRAVEL

Some members had enjoyed two day trips, one in Jan to Aralewen, and last week we had a nice day to Kos. It is great to get out for the day and to meet new friends.

Keep watching the travel board for up and comming trips. I have one for Sep to Mary Lyn in Victoria which is a very lovely relaxing week.

Hope to see you all soon

Jean Manley

CONTRIBUTIONS

We would like each group to write an article (short, only a few lines) each month. Please hand them into the office before the second Monday of the month.

Pat