

# The Meridian

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Dear Members

October was certainly very busy for the Club, with first, our 26th Annual Craft Exhibition, organised by Myra Hickey. It was a tremendous feat, and she is to be warmly congratulated by myself, the committee and members. The standard of each item from the smallest to the largest, was perfection indeed. All the entrants, either from our Senior Citizens Club, or other venues. You should feel proud of your efforts. We can not all be winners, I wish you could, but I feel you brought honour and distinction to those Clubs etc, that you were representing just by taking part.

The highlight of those few short days was, of course, the visit by Her Excellency, Lady Deane who was gracious enough to open the Exhibition. She made us feel so much at ease and was very impressed by all the displays. And Lorna, our Vice-President, did an excellent job presenting the Trophies. It was a pleasure, too, that Senator Margaret Reid took time off from her Parliamentary Duties, to join with us and share a cuppa and a chat.

The 18th was our Monthly Social, and we do miss Santo when he is away, as numbers are growing.

Monday 20th was our first Informal Meeting. I must admit I felt a little apprehensive, when the only positive acceptance by one member, rang to say she could not make it. However, I was very pleasantly surprised when about 18 members turned up. We had a good discussion as to what kind of extra activities some members would like to be involved in. I have listed these and they will be posted on the Notice Board. Should any others wish to be involved, please make known DAYS, TIMES to suit, as soon as possible, so that things can get started.

I have already been promised, by the wonderful Barbershop Harmony Club of Canberra that they will do a concert for us sometime in February. They have been invited to represent Canberra twice, in the USA, so I do appreciate them offering their time. They are also going to give our own future Barbershop Singers a few pointers. Maybe this concert could incorporate an Old Tyme Music Hall production. So, come on!! I am sure there are people with unused talents out there, more singers musicians etc, etc,. I see next year as being very exciting!!!!!!

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Dear Committee.

We the Table Tennis players who represented the Woden Senior Citizens Club would like to express our gratitude for the clubs kind donation to us, in helping with the entry fees in the 6th Australian Masters Games, held recently in Canberra. We have been playing Table Tennis on a Monday afternoon in the Team format, to acclimatise the the Games entrants to the way of playing as a team, and I think it worked very well indeed, as two of the teams entered in the over 60's Team event, won Gold and Bronze respectively. The Masters Games are only held every two years, and Canberra's turn will not come again for some years . Nine people from the club entered the Table Tennis section of the Games, and in winning 11 medals, we feel we have justified your support in us. Perhaps this could be put in the next Meridian News Letter. Thanking you once again .

Yours faithfully  
R.W. Summersby



Carmel Hutchings.	Gold Medal over 60's women singles.
Jean Dymond.	Bronze Medal over 60's women singles
Bob Summersby.	Gold Medal, over 70's men singles
Hank Massen.	Silver Medal over 60's men singles
Bill Scott.	Bronze Medal over 60's men singles
Bob Summersby.	Gold Medal. over 60's Team event
Bill Scott.	Gold Medal. over 60's Team event
Hank Massen.	Gold Medal over 60's Team event
Carmel Hutchings	Bronze Medal over 60's Team event
Jean Dymond.	Bronze Medal over 60's Team event
Sheila Palmer	Bronze Medal over 60's Team event

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The Choir has known both grief and joy this month. They sang at the funeral of our dear friend Hylda Cawsey on the 21st Oct., and another member, Les, has had heart surgery; Mrs Rena Prince has been in hospital, too. We wish them a speedy recovery. Others have not been so well either, but in listing these, there are others outside the Choir. There is nothing that pleases a person more than to get a card, a few lines, just to know they are remembered. I have put a list on the Notice Board; please add names you know of, (that we may not have heard of yet). In the midst of all this, our Nerida got married-- I am told, a lovely garden wedding. Congratulations from us all!!!

October also saw our Table Tennis Players take part in the Masters' Games, held recently in Canberra. They have trained hard these many months, but enjoyable training too, from the sound of laughter I often hear. Congratulations, we are all so proud of you. Bob Summersby passes on his own report. (see over).

On 4th November we had our Melbourne Cup Lunch, I hope everyone enjoyed their meal. We work very hard behind the scenes, and the appeal for kitchen helpers resulted in NOT ONE offer, except our stalwarts Vi and Edie. (Lorna came to help, but she was given other jobs). At the last minute we managed to get help from 2 Folk Dancers and a VISITOR. This is not good enough if the Club is to continue with any large Main Events. It had been suggested that possibly, members would prefer just a light lunch--sandwiches and dessert--and pay less. If this is so, then I would welcome any feedback. The arrangements had already been made for this year, but for the future your suggestions would be taken into consideration.

Thank you to all who helped to make the day a success--the kitchen staff; those who manned the Sweeps; those who set the tables; Margaret Bingham for all the lovely floral arrangements; those who donated flowers; Lorna who took care of the raffle. Thanks to Santo and others, who put up, took down tables and helped tidy up; to Bob S. who helped serve the dessert. Hope I have not left anyone out. Certainly, let me not forget Dennis, who manned the office all day and let me get on with other chores; or Myra, who puts all the arrangements forward.

We were without our Entertainers this year, having lost Hylda, and Nerida being a new Bride, and others not being 100%. Most are having a well earned rest, after entertaining all over Canberra for many years, bringing joy and laughter. All was not lost, we were pleased to have our Folk Dancers, led by Lorna, who gave a good display despite being short on numbers. We really appreciated Daphne, who rendered some lovely items on the piano.

We had only TWO entrants in the Hat Parade--Ros and Sasha--so they shared the prize.

That strange person in the funny tartan hat, astride the stuffy horse, Braveheart, was only me. I like to bring a smile to the face and hear people laugh, so I do not worry about how ridiculous I must seem to others--laughter is a good medicine.

I am delighted to tell you that the Club is \$500 richer. We were chosen as one of the groups to receive a cheque from the Woden Plaza Management. Lorna and I went along to the Plaza's 25th Birthday Celebrations on 1st November. We did not know until the day what the amount would be, and we were delighted to receive such a generous gift. It is suggested that the money cover the cost of our new Video Player (the old one gave up the ghost), as it would mean that we do not have to take from our other funds. If agreed on, there would still be funds left over to go to some good use. (Maybe we can start a Video Club next year).

Lyons Pre-school wish to come along and give a 1/2 hour Christmas Programme, possibly Thursday, 4th December at 10am--it would fit in nicely before the Craft Class. It would be very nice if our members could make an effort to come along and support and encourage the children, and share Morning Tea with them. If buses are a problem for some people, we may be able to fix a later starting time. Let me know.

Marion Ferguson.

The Folk Dancers are having a change of teacher for a few weeks. Therese Orchard is a student of Christine Battisson, and she is doing the Teaching Course which entails "practising" on children and older people. We are pleased to be able to help in this way (Lorna can have a rest to do Office Duty) and we can learn the latest dances from the most recent workshops. So, this is a 'win,win.win', situation.

Incidentally, mentioning Office Duty, we do need more volunteers to be relief Office people. Too many of our Committee members are unable to do Office Duty and the burden falls on the same few all the time. Any former members of the Committee who would be willing to help in an emergency, please give your name to the Office person or to Marion or Lorna. Your offer of assistance will be gratefully received.

Don't forget the Christmas Lunch at the Serbian Club on the 1st of December. You pay at the door of the Serbian Club when you arrive, (12.00 -12.30pm). There will be some kind of entertainment, but we are not exactly sure what form it will take. Be prepared.