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Dear Members

I thought you may like to know that the Folk Dancers performed at Turner Citizens Club on the 12th March. With a very appreciative audience it was a nice happy afternoon, followed by a nice afternoon tea.

Holiday weekend or not, the Club was just as busy as ever, while others like myself took the opportunity of the extra day to catch up with family, friends and odd jobs. I understand there was a concern for the Choir members who had no key to enter the Club. Keys are the SOLE RESPONSIBILITY of the Group Leader. On Public Holidays I have made it known that, as I am so busy at the Club most days, I wish the Holidays to myself. I am NOT at LIBERTY to hand out my own key on casual loan. If something serious happened at the Club before it was handed back to me, I ALONE would be responsible. Keys are very expensive and few in number, so it is first come first served for casual borrowing. You must request one in advance and put your name in the key-register. Also, it is not Pat Cummins responsibility to open the Club for those who come early, as most mornings she is in and out again on her duties. If you REALLY need to be here before the Duty Officer then please seek advice.

Hope you remembered to put your clocks back an hour. Autumn is already upon us, with the nights darker earlier. It has its compensations with the trees starting to change, looking beautiful in their Russet's and Golds.

Don't forget our Informal Mondays.

On the 20th April we have the Nutritionist from the Phillip Health Centre giving a demonstration on One Pot Cooking. It is essential to eat 'healthy', but better when you do not have lots of washing up. You will be asked to leave the two tables nearest the kitchen free, for those who wish to sit and watch. A notice will be posted nearer the time.

A big Thank You to those people like Mrs Jean Graham (other names unknown) who donated jars of jam, pickles, chutney etc, to be sold to raise Club funds. Also thanks for the donations of plants. Every little helps. We would be happy to accept even donations of Home Baked cakes etc. Elsa's storeroom will be full to overflowing with things being brought in for the Fete on May 2nd. Everything helps and is much appreciated. Elizabeth Halfnight has offered some small trees.

Last month Daphne, Bridge Group, celebrated a very happy weekend, extra special because it was her 80th Birthday. Could have fooled me, she looks so much YOUNGER. Many Happy Belated good wishes.

Following an incident where a member found an insect in her coffee, I immediately bought screw top containers. Notices were put up requesting members make sure they are closed when not in use; that milk is not left on the bench, as it goes off quickly; that all spills be wiped up to deter flies etc. While most comply, there are those who STILL leave everything as it is for someone else to clean up--usually the Duty Officer of the day. Please be more considerate. Cups, saucers, plates must be rinsed; cups, mugs placed upside down in the crate, others in the dividers or they slip through and break in the Dishwasher.

The Committee and Members were very sad to hear of the sudden, tragic deaths of two of our members--Mr James (Jimmy) Wilson, from the Bridge Group, who had a heart attack, and Mrs Doll Marks, from the Bowlers Group, who had a bad fall. Sadly, Doll lay many hours before being found and taken to hospital. You will remember that the Bowlers had a surprise Birthday Party for Doll's 94th Birthday not so long ago. Both Doll and Jimmy enjoyed the activities they did at the club, and valued the friends they made. They will both be sadly missed.

DUTY OFFICERS

It is very pleasing indeed to have some people volunteer their services on a Fortnightly List or Back-up List. This will lessen the load and concerns of knowing that we have extra people to call on. The worst outcome could have been that a member of a group would be responsible for manning the office--or the Club being closed except for clients seeing Pat. As for the message left in the Message Book, it was not as it seemed. Margaret Bingham was trying to say (above the noise) that on Mondays she writes the cheques and organises the finances. We are more than happy to have someone on Monday Mornings to answer the phone, do photocopying etc, or go on the Back-up List. We also have two more volunteers for the Committee. Welcome to Elsie Willoughby and Robert Page.

CHAIRS

We have had a Trial Loan of chairs from Sebel and Clark Rubber, for Members to try and comment on. Most people felt that the one from from Sebel, Fyshwick, was the most comfortable and our requirements best. We must take into consideration, too, chairs required for some of the infirm members e.g. Choir members and also how much space these chairs will take up.

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Our Special General on 23rd March 1998 went REASONABLY well, but could have been better as things became a little heated at times. There were motions put forward and and voted on, and other matters discussed. While there are still some things not resolved and still some discussion to take place, with a little help, patience, understanding and a little GIVE and TAKE, we MIGHT eventually resolve some concerns to the satisfaction of everyone. Well, up to a point, but this depends on finances and where the need is greatest.

THE FETE.

There did not seem to be much enthusiasm, but we finally had the offer from Mrs Jean Craven to be our Convener. A meeting on Thursday 2nd April proved to be more promising, with 2 people from most groups attending. They will arrange the volunteers for the various stalls and other areas. Mrs Craven seems very capable for the task before her, but please give all the all the help you can to her. A notice will go up this week listing stalls, helpers, etc. It was felt that past Fetes lost money because of having to close down early for activities to take place. Please note, that this year there will be NO ACTIVITIES. The Extension will be used for the White Elephant, Book stall etc, so that there will be more room in other areas. We wish to have a stall especially for children--cakes, sweets and second-hand toys. Can you donate something or help on the stall with Marion? She will be clowning around.

TABLES-CHAIRS-EXTENSION

The Committee examined the area as arranged by John Worsley and helper, with 3 Bowls mats in place and tables and chairs put down each side. against the walls. Mr Worsley attended the Meeting, but there was no Bowler's representative. A decision had to be made and it was decided that this arrangement could be made workable with care and co-operation. Unfortunately an accident has already occurred.

There was also a suggestion that if the Committee sold the present chairs it would lessen the cost of new ones. This may not be an option as there are those who prefer the present ones. Also, there are times of large events when they are most needed. Besides which they were DONATED so cannot be sold--or so we understand. There needs to be more discussion on this, before a final decision is made as regards prices, number to be purchased etc. as there are many more needs.