

July

# The Meridian

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### THE DOLL AND FAVOURITE TREASURE SHOW

What was a reasonable success could have been a great success if the event had been better supported. I wish to thank Mrs Florence Tancred for stepping in at the last moment to provide a display, when the Canberra Doll Society---to whom I had written MONTHS before--did not even acknowledge my letter. I wish to thank also Mrs Pat Wigram, Mrs Myra Hickey, Jean Simpson, Morna Deeble and the others who put so much work and effort in the afternoon. The display was really wonderful, and it is a pity that so many people missed out on seeing all the beautiful work. The afternoon raised \$33-- a quarter of that sum came from the Belconnen Senior Citizens who came all that way to support us. Deduct \$10 for cake, we took in \$23. The Craft Group kindly donated a doll to be raffled and with the proceeds from this, brought the total to \$62-- which is better than nothing. The event had been displayed on the Notice Board for months, it was also mentioned in the Meridian. To say that I am very disappointed at what was a fund raiser towards out heating costs, put it mildly. I have put my heart and a lot of hard work into arranging the Monthly Monday Informal Days! It seems a thankless task. Therefore, I have decided to cancel all the future events advertised, I wish to thank also, those who did come to view and enjoy afternoon tea. Also, Loran and Elsa, who gave invaluable help in the kitchen, serving tea, selling tickets, etc--it was very much appreciated. By the way, did anyone see the photo which was SUPPOSED to appear in the Chronicle? Perhaps the Chronicle already had too many picture for the week. If it did appear anywhere, please let us know. I am also resigning as Travel Officer. There have been problems with the representatives from Levers Coachlines, more often than not changing dates of trips.

Added to that, although the change is written immediately on the Notice Board, it would seem that there are the very few who never look to check if there are any changes, or to check if their payments have been recorded. Of course, I bear the brunt of those members' anger. It is not worth the extra stress on top of a very busy workload. In future, in agreement with Levers, tours and trips will still be displayed, but Club Members will be responsible for booking direct with Levers and sending deposits and payments to their office. No bookings, or payments will be taken at the Club.

Marion and Lorna attended a small reception at Government House as the guests of the Governor General and Lady Deane. This was to celebrate the Queen's official birthday and was a very enjoyable occasion. (Lorna especially enjoyed the music). Although I was to have a week's rest, on Doctor's orders, I could not let Official Duties, especially the Committee Meeting that morning be neglected.

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Although I could not attend this month, I am told that the Dance Development Centre Dancers gave a very lively performance which was enjoyed by all. A thankyou letter will be sent to them. The half-hour Tuesday Dance Lesson (12.30-1pm) will be taught by Dennis and Sealy, who have agreed to teach the dances which are most requested. The lesson is open to all, not just the Dance Group, and will be advertised. It has been suggested that Dennis and Sealy be approached, to ask if some time, so that other members could take advantage of their expertise. The September, November and December Socials clash with other evening dances and may have to be cancelled. You will be advised.

We are sorry to hear that Lyle from the group, has had four by-passes. Also the news that Len Smith (bowlers) has passed away. There is so much sickness and sadness around. Julie was in hospital again, but I have no other details. Nice to know that Elsie came in to enjoy the music at the Social. As many will agree, there is nothing like the support and comfort of those who care, and are concerned with your well-being to boost your spirits.

Last Month's Issue gave details of a missing pianist, when Dorothy was away receiving a Volunteers Award. This month it is the case of the Missing



Choir for most of the day. Kath had prepared her lovely soup and dessert, as per usual, which takes a lot of time, and effort. It would have been appreciated if the Committee had been advised that EVERYONE would be disappearing en masse, an hour earlier. We in turn, could have advised Kath not to spend Club Funds to buy food--it could have been cancelled for one day. Lorna and I were the first of very few customers. The Committee takes a dim view as to the thoughtlessness, and the reason shy. Of course, very few returned to support the question of heating etc. So much for Club Loyalty, which surely should come FIRST.

### CHAIRS

The 10 ordered will be arriving soon, at a cost of \$455. After a further trial period we will consider ordering more, perhaps of a different type. The two on lean will also be purchased, Although most people opted for the that were ordered, there are already some complaints that they are too low and need lost of cushions. The Committee gave ample time for every one to type each chair and we ordered what YOU favoured. How wise Lorna was to say "buy ten" so that they can be tested for longer than 5 or 6 minutes!

### TABLES

The Southern Cross Club has offered us some tables, but we will get them when the S.C. Club is READY to give them. Some people have been taking it upon themselves to collect them--without success. There is someone in charge of negotiations so leave it to that person. NO, it isn't Beaver!

### BREAK IN

First it was reported that the glass door, dining room was left unlocked on Friday afternoon, then last Sunday (28th June) I received a call saying that the Club had been broken into. When I arrived I was advised that Dennis Carthy (Table Tennis) disturbed two young males who were still in the kitchen area and made their escape. The wooden door lock had been forced, the screen door kicked in had some drawers rifled. A small amount of telephone money was taken. Luckily no Member was injured, and them being disturbed, nothing of value was taken. However, we could have lost much of our valuable equipment. Better security, although very expensive, must be the first consideration at this time.

The months are flying by so quickly. On August 17th Seniors Week will be launched at our Club. The Choir will sing for members and guests, and Morning Tea will be served.

There are STILL members driving IN to the car park through the EXIT side almost causing near accidents, which could prove very costly if there are any injuries. Please do not do this. I have ~~ordered~~ a large sign "NO ENTRY--EXIT ONLY" to be put up possibly next Wednesday July 15th. Please observe and DO THE RIGHT THING. Thankyou.

Marion Ferguson  
President

On Wednesday 13-May there were people waiting to get into the Club until 10.15. The Committee regrets this, but the person from Table Tennis who has the key to open up on Wednesdays, did not let anyone know that he could not come, neither did he pass on the key to someone who could be responsible for it. We do not have enough keys for everyone who does a day or half-day Office Duty, neither do we want 20 or more keys to the building floating around. There was enough trouble last year with keys not accounted for--and when I tried to round them up I found one person with THREE and he was not even on the key list. If you have a key, and cannot be there to open up, please find someone else who can be responsible for one occasion.

Dates to Remember;

Launch of Seniors' Programme for A.C.T. at THIS Club MONDAY 17th August 10am.

Please see Notice Board for details.

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