



# Meridian



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## From The President .....

**Wool Expo.** Although our major fund-raising event (the Wool Expo.) is still five months away, the planning is beginning to crystallise nicely. It is thought that about a dozen commercial enterprises will display and vend their wares, with an equal number of Club stalls participating. It is hoped to have the siting of the stalls and other activities determined by the end of January. So far I have approached about 50 Club members for assistance at the Expo, and the response has been very pleasing - almost 100% agreement to help in some way. There are many activities planned for the 2-day event, and we simply cannot have too many offers of help. So if you haven't been approached and can spare a few hours, please contact me.

**The Garden.** I'm sure you will have noticed the recent developments in the garden. Tony Wilson's work is outstanding. His latest creation is the petunia bed, which you will note, in the next few days, has a Christmas theme.

**Card & Games Day.** The Committee has decided to hold a card and games day at the Club on March 1st. next year. As details are finalised you will be kept informed. I hope that many members and friends will come along to enjoy a day of social games. The cost has been set at \$6 per person.



**Christmas Lunch.** Doris Wilson has been working hard to ensure that the Christmas Lunch on December 21st. is a success. If you are free, and haven't yet put your name down, there is still time. One of the events will be the drawing of the "in-house" raffle of groceries presently being conducted. Speaking of which, we would be very pleased to receive additional items, which you can place in the basket in the foyer.

**Science Workshops.** The Academy of Science is seeking government assistance for a series of lectures/workshops, and has approached me regarding the use of our premises. The Committee has agreed to host these activities if the funding submission is successful. An event would comprise a talk by a scientist, possibly a Fellow of the Academy, followed by a "hands-on" science activity, with examples of experiments seniors might try with their grandchildren. I'll keep you posted!

Finally, may I wish you all a happy Christmas, and best wishes for the New Year. I look forward to seeing you all at the Club where we can participate in interesting and challenging activities, and enjoy the friendship and support of our colleagues.

Anne Murray

### **CLUB CLOSURE**

*In previous years the Club has officially closed over the Christmas/New Year period, bringing sighs of relief from Duty Officers. Sorry, guys and dolls - this year you only get a short reprieve. The Club will be officially closed from COB on Dec.23rd to 10 am. on Jan 3rd. Group leaders are reminded that if they wish to use the premises in that period all matters of access and security are their responsibility.*

### ROUND THE GROUPS WITH PAT

Its nearly Christmas present time again, and I expect that like me you are beginning to feel a bit jaded. My two eldest grandsons, both teenagers, always cause me the greatest problems regarding choice, but I'll get there. Lorna Pinson has had a spell in hospital and I'm sure you will all want to join me and her bevy of Folk Dancers in wishing her a complete and speedy recovery. Similar wishes go also to the Choir's talented pianist, who has a badly sprained ankle.

If you missed the Horticultural Society's spring exhibition, let me tell you that clever Jean Simpson from the Indoor Gardening group did very well, gaining both first and second prizes in the bonzaai section.

It was remiss of me not to mention the Mahjong players in the last issue: they sit so quietly around the corner on the verandah that you don't realise they are there. Mahjong looks a very interesting game - not easy to learn I should think. I once saw some Chinese playing it, and they were moving their tiles so fast I wondered how they could make such quick decisions.

Elsa continues to do a great job, selling bits and pieces which help to fill the Club's coffers. The more money we make with fund-raising like this the more comforts we can have for our Club - and it helps pay the bills too!

*ON THE BOARDS.....  
Items of interest on the Notice Boards.*

*Amongst the Club notices, you might like to cast your eyes over the President's notice requesting your views on Internet access. Let Anne or Dennis Glanville know if you think you would be interested.*

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO "MERIDIAN"

If you have a short item you would like us to include (eg. a letter to the editor, a poem, a "thank you", perhaps a "for sale" item) please feel free to submit it to the Committee. We make no promises - space is limited, and there are libel laws!. But we will do our best to accommodate you. Anonymous articles will **not** be published, but names can be withheld at the Committee's discretion.