



Meridian



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The monthly Newsletter of the Woden Senior Citizens' Club

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The President reports

The year has begun with lots of members returning from the Christmas break to enjoy pleasurable activities.

There is much work ahead to plan and organise the wool fete on May 6th. and 7th. By the end of February or early March Ray Murray expects to have commitments from small, interesting wool businesses in the region who will lease space. Work has commenced in the Craft and Solo groups to create wool products, and we have begun to collect interesting bottles for making herb vinegar. Please bring in some bottles if you have them. Tony Wilson has established a herb garden and it has begun to produce. He will use the herbs in the vinegar.

Some beautiful woollen products are being created which will be raffled, commencing some weeks before May.

Turning to other matters:

1. The Committee has agreed that it should undertake a review of the use of the Club premises to ascertain if more effective use could be made of the space and facilities. Mr. Mervyn Willoughby-Thomas, a Club member, will conduct the review.
2. The Dept. of Urban services has agreed to improve the pedestrian entrance to the Club.
3. The Committee has decided to review the unauthorised use of the car park,

commencing mid-February

4. There is to be a handover of garden beds as the are completed. Already the Bowls, Table Tennis and Bridge groups have made commitments to look after specific beds.

A final piece of news for now: we expect to plan other interesting, enjoyable experiences this year for members. One of the first is a card & games day on March 1st. Members and visitors will be welcome. A light lunch will be provided, and there will be a raffle and lucky door prizes. The cost will be \$6 per head, and we will start taking bookings very soon.

With best wishes,

Anne Murray
(President)

 * THANKS DUE *
 * *On behalf of all the members,* *
 * *the Committee would like to* *
 * *thank Canberra firm The* *
 * *Garden at Coleman Court for* *
 * *their generous contribution to* *
 * *the Club's garden project.* *
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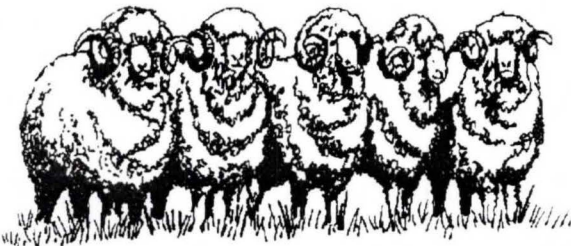
COST OF PHONE CALLS

Following a discussion re the charge of 40 cents per call when using the office telephone, I checked the phone bills back to 1st July 1999. The office telephone money box averages \$4 per week (ten calls at 40cents each).

Comparing the total cost of ordinary calls plus mobile calls with the service and equipment charge gives a ratio of 2:1, so the cost to the Club per call is 37.5 cents. So this amount is lost to the Club each time a member forgets to put 40 cents in the money box. The number of taxi calls is so small that we cannot expect a free line as applies to licensed clubs.

Pat Cummings, the community worker has a completely separate line and account. This account is paid by the Public Officer using HACC funds.

Myra Hickey



Baaa! See you at the wool fete.

FROM THE SECRETARY

Hi There,

I hope you all had a lovely holiday. Bob and I had a great time in Sydney, but its always nice to be home. Bob and I wish you all a happy new year.

The choir numbers have increased by two, and we were all busy practising last Monday (the 15th.)

The card players were up to their old tricks (ha ha - no pun intended - it just happened). They looked very relaxed and happy.

Doesn't the garden look great? Its a nice reward for Tony's hard work. I shouldn't think he will be able to do quite so much while this hot weather lasts, though.

The warm weather which has come at last has brought summery clothes out of the closets, and everyone looks so bright and gay (if I may use that word these days.)

The air conditioning provides a welcome relief from the weather - remember how uncomfortably hot and stuffy it could get before it was installed?

I shall be running the Conserve stall at the Fete, so I will be grateful for all donations of jams, chutneys and the like, thank you.

My best wishes to you all.

Pat Summersby
(Secretary)

ON THE BOARDS.....

Items of interest on the Notice Boards.

Please note the President's reminder about displaying your red parking permits.

Tony Wilson has put up a notice requesting comments and suggestions on the garden. Your "graffiti" will not go unread.

FROM THE COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP:

I have been asked to re-commence lessons on the use of computers. I have been reluctant to do so, partly due to lack of suitable equipment but mainly because the technology has advanced, and the programmes have become so complex, to a point where I no longer feel qualified, and as they say "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing". However, it is better than no knowledge at all, so classes will be commencing shortly.

They will differ considerably from the previous courses. For one thing, each "class" will be limited to three students so as to ensure that each person has access to a machine. The group is presently working on three borrowed computers for this purpose. Practical exercises will be done in class time, not as "homework", and on a one-to-one basis as far as possible.

Note that the course will NOT cover the use of the Internet - that is a separate issue. Initially, priority in enrolment will be given to the Officers of the Club, the Committee and other members who require to use a computer for Club business. If the courses are a success it may eventually be possible to extend them to non-members on a fee basis.

It is proposed to hold a meeting of interested persons early in February to discuss the format of the course, so if you would like to be involved, watch the notice board.

Dennis Glanville

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.

*Your contribution could be
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