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Did you hear about the shy and retiring Accountant? He was shy \$100,000, which is why he's retiring.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

In December last year I was invited to Chapman Primary School to meet Grade 5 students. The children had been engaged in a project about services for older people. You will remember that 1999 was the International Year of Older Persons. The children's teacher copied for me comments made by them about older people. I thought you would like to hear them. You will find some of the comments in this issue and more next month!

A summary of the outcomes of the most recent Committee meeting is as follows: Audrey Williams, our Treasurer, presented another positive report. During the month, income of \$2210.80 was realized, and we spent \$1843.00. Our current operational account balance is \$7877.80. Ray Murray reported that he is waiting for responses from twelve businesses in the region which sell wool products. They have been offered space (at a fee) to exhibit their goods at Woden Wool 2000 (our fete) in early May. The Committee has agreed on the purchase of a new computer, scanner, printer and essential software. The purchase will be finalised early in March. More than 25 members indicated an interest in using the Internet - this will be considered by the

Committee in the near future. Lyle Mark presented a report on the implications of the GST for the Club. It was decided that the Club would of necessity apply for an ABN number, but will not at this time join the GST scheme. This will mean that we will need to raise another \$600-\$700 per year as sales tax exemption will no longer be available to us. We believe that this can be accomplished comfortably. It should be noted that if we elected to join the scheme it would mean an increase in membership fees. This not on the Committee's agenda.

I know how sad members have been at the passing away of two special members, Elsie Willoughby and Jack Roberts. Our thoughts are with Elsie's family and friends, and with Cynthia and her family.

Finally, it won't be long before our special event, Woden Wool 2000. In fact as I write this it is only 74 days away!

Anne Murray



Garage Sale

Saturday 4th. March
8.30 am. to 2.00 pm.

Tell your neighbours, friends
and relations to BE HERE for
the incredible bargains.

What does it mean to be old!

1. *You get wiser from your experiences. (Kasey Davis, 10)*
2. *You have more time to think about things. (Unsigned)*
3. *You have more time to spend with grandchildren. (Daniel, 11)*
4. *Thier peaceful and help auther people. (Luke)*
5. *Its another stage of life. (Unsigned)*
6. *Just because your old dosent mean your diffrent. (Tom, 10)*
7. *Above 50 and starting to wrinkle. (Kevin Johnson)*
8. *Your needing help! (James, 11)*
9. *Your getting through life. (Jack Lovell, 11)*
10. *Your wiser. (Linda Katana)*
11. *Just because you look different doesn't mean they are different inside. (Joshua Calvin, 11)*
12. *You can tell people about the old times. (Emma Geurts, 11)*
13. *Headding to the end of life. (Zoe Pitman-Hobbs, 11)*
14. *Old to me means being respected. (Melissa Van Dartel, 10)*
15. *Old means to me talking about old times. (Jordana Clough)*

FROM THE SECRETARY.....

Dear Members,

I've had a lovely response to my request for conserves for my Fete stall. Judith Runstrom has made sixteen jars of plum jam, eight of marmalade and twelve of lemon cheese. I am grateful to Judith for

her generous contribution. Bob has made some jam as well, and I look forward to more contributions from other members please.

Wynn our choir leader is having hip problems and is unable to conduct until she has had the appropriate treatment, which I sincerely hope will be successful.

Two of the choir members have just celebrated sixty two years of wedded bliss - and they still look very happy together.

How the Table Tennis players managed to play so energetically in all that heat I'll never know. They are planning a trip to Coffs Harbour in May. It should be cooler by then. They now have some barriers to put in place to make a safe passage for members to walk to other areas of the Club.

The number of Bridge players has increased, especially on Saturdays. It's good to see so many new and friendly faces.

Morna tells me that the number of Solo players has increased too. Morna is willing to give lessons, and beginners are welcome. I've never played it myself but I'll give it a go one of these days - that should try Morna's patience!!

Sad to say one of our life members has been taken ill. Elsie O'Sullivan, a RummyTub player is in hospital following a stroke. I'm sure, like me, you all wish her a speedy recovery.

My best wishes to you all.

Pat Summersby
(Secretary)

**"INTRODUCTION TO THE
COMPUTER" COURSES IN 2000.**

At the advertised meeting on 14 February it was decided by those present that instead of a long series of Monday afternoon lessons, the next course would be conducted as full day sessions on Saturdays and Sundays, starting on Saturday 1st April. At the moment there is one spare place for the Sunday sessions and three for Saturdays, so there is still time to enrol. It is estimated that the course will require about ten sessions.

Note that the course will NOT cover the use of the Internet - that is a separate issue. At the Garage Sale on 4 March there will be on sale several computers which the Group has tested and where necessary repaired, as well as accessories and bits & pieces..

Dennis Glanville

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

If you are one of the growing number of our members who rely on some form of powered mobility aid, or are thinking of getting one, consider going to the Scooter Seminar on 25 March. The leaflet is on the Welfare notice board.

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
here!*

WANTED URGENTLY

I will be away from Canberra for most of March, some of May and the whole of June. Someone to take over the editing and production of MERIDIAN for those months is urgently required. If you have, or know someone who has, access to a computer capable of running a simple desktop publishing programme such as Microsoft Publisher, please let the Committee know as soon as possible.

Editor

*Old means being Fragile like China.
(Tessa Haddras, 11)*