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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is time for renewal of membership and car parking access. At one period during the year we had over 620 members and I believe we should try for a higher number this coming year! I am very grateful to members who accept the role of office managers. As more people are available we can share the responsibility. New comers are saying, absolutely correctly, that they find the job very interesting, that they are making a positive contribution to the Club, and that they are getting to know Members previously unknown to them. It is with regret that the Committee accepted the resignation of Pat Summersby as Secretary. I am very pleased that she is continuing to write for the Meridian.

Doreen Jones was elected to fill one of the two vacancies on the Committee.

The Executive Committee has the pleasant but challenging task of determining expenditure from Woden Wool 2000. Activity group leaders have submitted requests and these are being addressed at this time. A major item for the Club as a whole is the replacement of curtains in the main hall. Thank you for your suggestions. There are a number of events available to members; 'Christmas in July', Science

Workshops, china painting. Notices identify details for you and I hope many of you will participate. My very best wishes,

> Anne Murray President

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Dear Members

A number of Table Tennis players, including myself and Bob, went to Coffs Harbour for a weeks social Table Tennis. The Coffs Harbour people were very friendly and made us all feel most welcome.

I didn't play but I watched our players play extremely well against some rather strong opposition, I felt really proud of them all, even when they lost.

Hank didn't play much as he and his family were unwell, he put in an appearance on the last day and left early to come home. Hank organised it all so it was most unfortunate that he was too ill to play. Let's hope there will be other opportunities for him to participate. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his time and effort.

While we were away we were shocked to hear about the snow falls in and around Canberra. My son Robert told us that it settled briefly in Theodore where he lives with his wife and four children. Never mind it will soon be spring which is a season I always eagerly look forward to.

This time of year when it's so cold there always seems to be a drop in the number of people attending their activities. I guess they all want to stay home in the warm. I noticed that there wasn't much of a display on the Garden Club table. It's not surprising really this time of the year. With the heavy frosts we've been having, my garden looks very drab; the chrysanthemums are finished, there are a couple of roses putting on very brave faces and the camellia tree is blooming well, daffodils are spearing their way up through the hard packed earth promising a good display in the spring. Never mind, Jean, there are better times ahead for your Club.

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The Bowlers always turn up rain or shine, as do most of the card players. Let's hope warmer weather will bring more dancers when it comes. I hope you are all keeping well and warm.

My best wishes to you all,

Pat Summersby