



# Meridian



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Overheard in the Bridge Room:

*Of course I'm a good loser - its just that I hate having to lose to prove it.*

## THE PRESIDENT REPORTS:

By the time you read this issue all the activity groups will have resumed their normal programs after the Christmas/New Year break. It will be lovely to see everyone at the Club again.

I would like to give you an update on two of our major issues, security and grounds development.

**1. Security.** In the past nine months there have been no less than seven break-ins, and the exit doors are now being targeted by the invaders. We have had blocking plates placed on the exit doors, and the external lights have been examined and repairs made as necessary. We are seeking quotes from locksmiths about deadlocks for doors and windows, metal strips around the exit doors and extension of the existing security screens. We have received professional advice from the Fire Service that we exceed the number of exit doors legally required, so two of these are likely to be changed to standard lockable doors. The Executive has considered other options including a back-to-base alarm system and the installation of sensor lights.

The main issue for most of us I think is that when break-ins occur "our place" is being

violated, and it makes us feel very vulnerable.

Umar has conducted an extensive investigation into the best possible security options and continues to monitor developments.

**2. Grounds Development.** The next meeting of the Grounds Development Planning Committee will take place on February 1st. At the moment the Grounds plan is being finalised by a draughtsman in the office of Hughes, Trueman, Reinhold (Consulting Engineers). We are confident that substantial progress will have been achieved in the development of the car park and the planting of native shrubs before Woden Wool 2001 on May 5th. and 6th.

**Other News.** Plans are progressing well for our celebration birthday party on Wednesday February 21st. By the end of next week our attendance list will probably be complete. It is exciting to note members' response.

The Executive Committee has been identifying the most appropriate taps to purchase for the bathrooms. Doreen McKie has sought expert advice and we expect to install the taps in the very near future. This will make it much more comfortable for us all.

You will have noted that the cost of using the Club's photocopier will increase from 10 cents a page to 20 cents from Monday February 4th. This will bring the cost into line with that at the Public Library.

Dennis, our Meridian Editor, has been

surprised to know that he is still working hard on our behalf at home. Thank you Dennis.

Best wishes to you all,

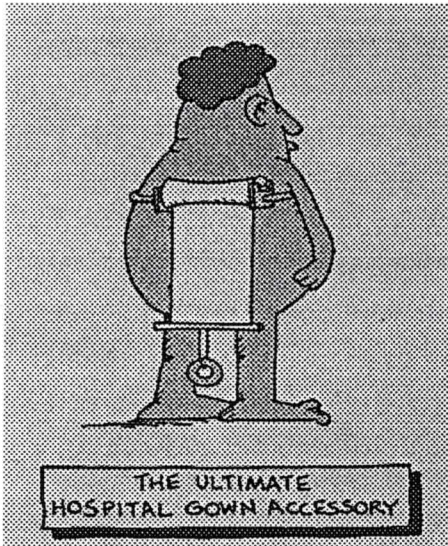
Anne

### COMPUTER COURSE.

Due to the Convener and Tutor having fallen into the clutches of the medical profession for an unknown period, it is regretted that the course (due to start on February 4th.) has had to be put on hold until further notice.

Apologies to those who enrolled for the course, and be assured that the lessons will go ahead as soon as I am on my feet again. In the meantime, if you have any specific problems that you would like solved, I'm sure the "regulars" at the Monday afternoon Computer Group will be able to help.

Dennis Glanville



*The things you dream up while in hospital!*

Articles, letters to the Editor, etc. for inclusion in the Meridian should be addressed to the Editor and left in the Committee's IN tray. Items may be submitted at any time, but to make the next edition should reach the Editor before the 7th. of the month.

### INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

A new year of activity has begun, and who knows what new dances we will have learned before it ends. At the moment the exceptionally hot weather, coupled with the tail end of the school holidays have kept attendances down a little, as is to be expected. Other organisations seem to be lodging their requests for our services early this year - our first venue is the Queanbeyan Senior Citizens Club in March.

Lorna Pinson..

### FOR SALE/WANTED

For sale: AKAI reel-to-reel tape deck with over 200 hours of tapes (mostly classical music). This is a hi-fi device and deserves a quality amplifier & speakers. \$180 the lot. Ring 62812607

### BRIDGE GROUP

A recent count showed that 106 Club members play bridge at one or more of our sessions each week. This represents about 20% of total Club membership, highlighting the popularity of the game, and indicating a vote of confidence in how the sessions are run. Congratulations to Bill Davey, Anne Scott and all the others who help to run the sessions and record the scores.

However, there is always room for more players, particularly at the Thursday afternoon meetings. These start promptly at 12.30pm. and are timed to end no later than 3.40pm. (in the interests of those who have buses to catch). For more details, consult the current Activities List in the Office and contact Bill Davey on 62918641.