



Meridian



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Overheard in the Committee Room:

"Why do you put all these long words in the Minutes? You know I'm a slow learner."

"Yes - so I always type those words slowly, just for you."

THE PRESIDENT REPORTS.....

On Tuesday we had the first birthday party for the year. Sixty eight people had a delicious lunch, organised by Doreen McKie and her table tennis colleagues. Its a big job, and everyone worked so hard. We organised some entertainment, and finished the day looking forward to April 9th., the next birthday lunch. Last week four new activity groups were introduced in the Club. We now have two water colour classes, one on Tuesday afternoons and one on Wednesday mornings. We also have two recorder classes, Wednesday lunchtime, for beginners, and Wednesday afternoon. I believe these new members will bring vitality and energy from which we will all benefit. There is a settling-in period while the administrators of the Club coordinate the parking space and ensure that all members needs are met in a caring and thoughtful way. I hope you will be patient with us!

Plans are proceeding for our concert at the Hellenic Club on Sunday March 24th. We are now finalising the programme, finding a stage manager, and planning for an attractive flyer and other publicity material.

Please remember the Fete, and all our needs for that. We are seeking lots of fruit for our jam-making experts to work on. Also ingredients for chutney and sauce making. Can you help us?

Members of the Executive Committee, Umar and I met with Group Leaders or their representatives on Monday Feb. 11th. This provided a very important opportunity to discuss issues, concerns, and ideas. We will continue these meetings to ensure that we support you all appropriately and get the feedback we need to be more effective managers.

Two Committee members, Lloyd & Isabella Austin, represented the Club at a recent public meeting held to discuss the proposed development of the Woden Town Centre. It seems the public and community organisations siezed the opportunity to raise a great many issues (particularly matter concerning traffic flow and parking). Our representatives brought up several points about which our members had expressed opinions in the past, including:

1. Bus stops on both sides of the road outside the Club;
2. A pedestrian crossing outside the Club;
3. Bus routes to serve the Club from both North and South;
4. The possibility of alternative bus routes to reduce the bus traffic in Corinna Street.

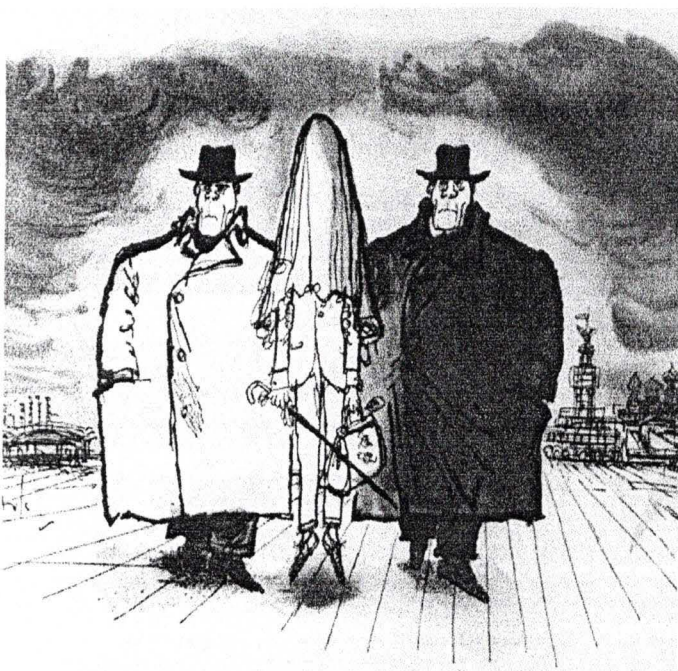
Particular interest was shown in the suggestion of a 15-20 seat mini bus continuously traversing a loop around the town centre and the Phillip shops, funded by the businesses in that area.

Anne

FROM THE RECORDS CLERK.

A sudden influx of new members at the beginning of the month stretched our resources for a few days, and the Office temporarily ran out of car parking permits. (This is the first time we have had to print over 300 permits, which must be a sign of something or other.)

My apologies to those who were not able to be given their permits at the time they paid for them. The situation is now rectified, and the permits can be picked up from the Office. Please do so as soon as possible and USE THEM. Why? Well, a spot check on the car park the other day revealed 19 vehicles not displaying permits. Investigation showed that over half of these belonged to members who did in fact possess permits but who had failed to display them. The Club By-Laws require that the permits be clearly visible whenever your vehicle is in the Club grounds. The amount of work generated in separating the genuine "illegals" from the forgetful "legals" is quite substantial, and the volunteers who do it are, understandably, not amused. I understand that in future offenders will be asked by the Committee to "Please explain". (See below)



Cynical Sam says

Not all fairy stories begin "Once upon a time". Many begin "Sorry dear, I had to work late at the office."

ATTENTION WAR WIDOWS!

War widows who re-married prior to 1984 and thereby lost their DVA (Dept. of Veterans Affairs) compensation, usually known as the War Widows Pension, are advised that they may now re-apply for reinstatement of their entitlements.

To do so, contact any of the following:

- your local DVA office
- the War Widows Guild
- Legacy
- The Returned Servicemens League

FOR SALE/WANTED

Wanted: Stereo amplifier in good working order.. Anything considered but a reputable brand with 20 watts per channel output or more is preferred. Ring 62812607

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