



The MANLY MESSENGER

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Who is the fine young mariner in this grainy old photograph?

You will find the solution within.

FROM THE EDITOR

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Phil Price, secretary of the men's club, tells me that the gathering of members' email addresses is almost complete. This is desirable because the change in the club constitution allowing the club to communicate with those members by email. It is to be hoped that the ladies' club and Fishing club can provide members' email addresses to facilitate timely communication between the club and all members. From my perspective, once all members who have email are in the system, it will be possible to distribute the newsletter in colour and reduce the number of copies printed.

On another matter, the members of the management committee of our club are listed below. Please remember that these members, as well as members of the committees of the various divisions, volunteer their time to run the club for our benefit. If you need to communicate with them, please pick an appropriate moment and be ready to accept a request to talk later. They are entitled to enjoy their game. Sometimes it is better to "put it in writing", if it is about a complex matter which needs time for consideration.

Chairman - Ian Reed

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Directors –

Dick Powell

Mick Sticher

Ken Sowden

Pam England

Mo Pooley

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to my Chairman's report for May.

Firstly, it is with sadness that I inform members that we lost our Life Member Jack Hansen recently, after he had suffered ill health over the past few years. My association with him was only minimal due to having been a relatively new member. My enquiries have revealed a great story of a man committed to the local community and sporting clubs. He was a tireless worker in the region and all members should be grateful for his efforts on behalf of this club. Jack was a great bowler who, as I am told, took no prisoners on the green.

His business acumen was a catalyst for what we have achieved today. He had the foresight to recommend the purchase of properties in the area which eventually helped with securing the first roof structure. This provided weight to our being able to secure our second roof structure. Of course, Jack was one of a number of members who have made significant contributions to the club. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of our previous administrators for the foundation that was built to enable us to achieve the great sports and community facility we have today. On behalf of member, I wish Jack's wife Elda and his extended family well for the future. The members of Club Manly should be proud that the family chose our venue for Jack's wake. Thanks to our volunteers who helped make this an unforgettable day for Jack's family.

At time of writing, we have secured one team in the Poinciana challenge Final and our second side missed out by a few points after a slow start. Thanks and congratulations to all our players for a job well done.

Our Friday nights are going well. We hope to establish Thursday night with night bowls and trivia, please read the notice boards for details. The club is running well with support from our staff and volunteers and we are gaining many new members, both bowling and social. So please, if you see someone you're not familiar with, introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Until next month

Great Friendship

Ian Reed

Chairman

Men's President Report

ED. Lance Ballment is away at the moment. He asked me to report that he is just new to the job of Men's President. You have probably seen him buzzing around the club getting across all the issues. He gratefully acknowledges the support he is receiving from many members.

Well done Lance for stepping in when Ian Badham had to step down!

Lance also asked me on behalf of umpires of whom he is one to include the following

We are seen but not heard - We speak when spoken to -And we give our best - But. At the end of the day, We are all VOLUNTEERS!!!!

I think Lance's *crie de coeur* comes from an incident when he was called for a measure during an inter club fixture a few weeks ago. A player from a visiting club was standing over him casting a shadow. Lance asked him to move away. He grudgingly took one step back. Lance continued the measure rather than confronting the player over his breaches of bowls etiquette, thinking he was just intensely interested in the outcome and thoughtless. As he touched the jack with the measure, the player claimed [wrongly, according to Lance] that he had moved the jack, and demanded the shot.

The implication of this interchange is that the player was accusing the umpire of incompetence and dishonesty, an umpire who was spending 4 hours of his afternoon, not enjoying a game himself, but umpiring so others could do so. Outrageous!!

Club Triples Champions 2018

Keith Harris, Gerry Brooks, and Terry Newman (l to r)

Runners up were Robert Dilworth, Mick Letnic and John Curr



Ladies President Report

Time for the Manly Messenger again and I always leave it to the last minute , much to the ire of John Curr , I am sure. The only reason I do this is that it is difficult to think of something to submit. I have met with the Ladies only 4 times since the last Messenger and nothing newsworthy comes to mind, so forgive me, but here we go-

Thanks to Maureen Pooley , Claire Morton , Lance Ballment, Keith Harris, Murray Burdett and Mick Letnic for their help on the day of Jack Hansen's Wake. Without your support the Bar and Kitchen staff would not have managed. A great send off for our Life Member and our Club was showcased to perfection.

Good luck to our girls who are representing Gateway this week up at Caloundra , I know you will do us proud.

So many of our members in the wars of late, with medical appointment or recovery from some sort of surgery keeping them away from Bowls.

Arthur Pooley has had a knee replacement, Kay Burdett is a maybe but Lyn "The Legend" Cotton gets the biggest Get Well Card this week after having both knees done. Shoulder complaints/surgery run a close second to knees followed closely by skin lesions.

A few years ago it was Cataract Surgery and I always said then that when our members get their medical appointments , they should let the Club know and we can do a bulk run with the Surgeons or Specialists like , buy one knee replacement and receive 50% off the second knee , have 1 Colonoscopy and receive 1 free Endoscopy in the next 12 months , have cataracts removed on both eyes at once and you receive a voucher for one of your fellow Bowlers to have 1 cataract removed free !!!

Now , enough nonsense for this month and I really think a Messenger every 2 months would do the job!!

Until Then-

"Keep 'ya eye on the Kitty"

Jan Reed

Ladies Games Director Report

The District Singles were held during the month of April at Mt Gravatt Bowls Club. After a very tight game in the semi-finals and finals our Manly entrant Lyn Gilbert came out the winner for 2018.

Manly played the finals of the Championship Singles on Tuesday 1st May, contestants being Lyn Gilbert and Christine Lawrance and once again Lyn Gilbert was the winner. Well done Lyn. Hope you do well in the District Champion of Champions in both the Singles and the Pairs.

Our Lorna Wemyss badge has been a very successful event for our new bowlers. So far we have had three winners, the first was Pam England our second was Gail Ballment and our third was won this month by Lyn Cotton. Well Done ladies. Lyn hope the new knees are doing well.

The District Sides begin on the 9th May and we have four of our Ladies representing our District in this event. They are Clare Hall, Lyn Malone, Marcelle Broadhurst and Sylvia Sinnamon. Good luck ladies, hope you do your Club and District proud. Anyone wishing to come and see our ladies play they will be at Caloundra Bowls Club for the first three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We will need to see where we play on Saturday for the finals as this depends on our placement within the competition.

The Ladies Selectors have started to put the Pennant teams together for 2018. Don't forget ladies, these are only trial teams at this stage and may be changed. The list of our three Divisions is on the Ladies Board. There will be a lot of Pre-Pennant matches coming up in May and June at various clubs within our district, so it will be great if as many teams can go out and get some game practice with their teams. If members are on holidays then please look at the reserves and ask one of our ladies to fill in for these games. If there are any issues with your team you would like to discuss, please also come and speak to the selectors. If for any reason you will be unavailable during the Pennant season please also let the selectors know.

Until next time good bowling everyone.

Marcelle Broadhurst
Games Director

WYNNUM MANLY VETS

April was a busy month for us Vets, with the heat and humidity finally abating, more of our members have been able to enjoy their day of bowling and the facilities at Club Manly.

President Charlie has being a welcome bowler back on the green. The members are debating what colour his plaster will be.

THE Vets held their Anzac day on Friday 27th with 80 members paying their respect to our fallen comrades, with the ode being read by Nick Girdis

The day was followed by bowls, with lunch of meat pies and cake.

The vets had a visit on the 29th to Samford Bowls, a great day was provided by them. Great country hospitality, with a wonderful lunch and bowls, with the day being a special event for two of our members Mike and Joan with a day where they met old friends

Our next trip to Point Lookout on the 27th May is on the board and nearly fully booked, so it essential all members put their names down early.

The committee is looking at President Charlie's proposed visit to Norfolk island, and will be looking to get a more concrete idea of numbers. There will be more news on this shortly.

We send our best wishes to all our members who are not well, with a special hi to Arthur and Lyn who have had their knees upgraded.

The time is for our yearly election is approaching. We ask members to consider if they are able to put up their hands and bring new ideas to our group.

I will finish with the following,

We come to enjoy the friendship and comradeship. The result is secondary.

Murray Burdett

Snr Vice president,

FISHING CLUB REPORT

Hello all

Wow! all I can say is wow! This month's comp was shadowed with the potential of very high winds and Mother Nature certainly let us know she is the boss towards the end of the weekend. There was a window of no less than 36 hours out of the potential 72 comp hours to get out and get amongst it and those that could definitely did just that. We had by far one of the best if not the best weigh-in we've seen in our club's short history.

We would certainly like to acknowledge the members that took the weather gods on this month. Those that stayed close were well rewarded with a nice catch, there were some very large Whiting caught in close they were stonkers to say the least. Those that had the chance to fish out wider throughout the bay and outside were also well rewarded with some magnificent fish. Mick Irwin took out the comp this month his catch included some of the biggest Trag Jew weighed-in to date.

The Bayside Social Fishing Club donated 500 dollars to a local not for profit association this month known as Sailabilty. Sailabilty are based at the Darling Point Sailing Squadron out on the rock wall at Manly and the volunteers of this organisation offer those with disabilities

the opportunity to get out on the water in their purpose built sailing boats for a bit of fun and relaxation.

The volunteers of this group work extremely hard and were overwhelmed when our secretary Dave James turned up at their club house with a cheque. We also brought and donated 2 50 inch TV's to Club Manly this month, these TV's will become an electronic menu board for the kitchen in the not too distant future. We are extremely proud, humbled and lucky to be able to donate to local groups and we couldn't do it without your support so we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the members of our club and the members and guests of Club Manly.

Regards

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MEMBER PROFILE



The following member profile is an edited extract from an article which appeared in the Wynnum RSL Newsletter from many years ago when Dick was young and good looking [see picture] - ED.

Richard Theodore Powell was born on 16 October 1945 in Auburn NSW, Dick was the first of three children born to Mr. Dick & Mrs. Olive Powell. Dick was at an

early age when the family moved to Victoria, his father worked for the State Electricity Commission and was transferred to Mt. Beauty. It was here that all his schooling took place.

Another transfer saw the family re-locate to Buffs Point near Tuggerah NSW. It was here that Dick had his first employment as a Junior Nurseryman at the Burbank Nursery. He had this position for two years before resigning to commence what was to become a 22 year career in the Royal Australian Navy.

During these years of service he served on many Australian Naval ships. The Troop Carrier HMAS Sydney took him on many trips to Vietnam. He also served on HMAS Queensborough, Hobart, Stuart, Torrens and the Jervis Bay (formerly the Australian Trader). He rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer Steward. The last seven years of his service were back in Australia firstly in Sydney and then, five years were spent at HMAS Moreton Brisbane.

This service saw him operating his own catering business, providing services and food to both small and large groups. This business activity was very successful for Dick in that it established his reputation as a caterer who provided quality goods in a timely manner. He also possesses "hands on" cooking skills which saw him preparing much of the food himself. From records perused it is shown that his culinary talents, aligned with good management skills, reveal him to be a capable caterer.

ED. As best I can ascertain, this club inherited Dick about 25 years ago with his bar management and catering skills, big voice and bigger personality. He continued until last year when he retired from the full time role. He continues to lend the club the benefit of his vast experience in a much condensed role . This gives him time to enjoy

playing bowls and competing in inter-club competitions and to do volunteer work in the club gardens.

Overheard Around The Club

It is a pity that the quality information which comes to us in the media these days is so poor. Misinformation and lack of proper balance leads us to form strong opinions which can cause unnecessary divisions in the community.

For example, a cyclists' protest appeared on the TV in the club the other day. I overheard some very strong negative comments by some club members directed not only at the cyclists but also at the police who were supervising the protest. I was disappointed but not surprised at the negativity, having regard to the way the story was presented on the TV and in the Courier Mail. Whether or not you agree with the cause or the action, a few facts can help with understanding.

The protest was lawful with all required permits having been obtained so the condemnation of the police handling of it was quite unwarranted. Negotiated arrangements included that no emergency vehicle would be obstructed. The delay to ordinary traffic was no longer than 10 minutes.

The reason for the protest was that the on-road bicycle route from the Goodwill Bridge to West End has been known to be dangerous for many years but no action has been taken by the Brisbane City Council despite all the representations, deputations and persuasions from cyclists and cycling groups.

People who marvel at the quality of cycling infrastructure and liveability of inner city areas in countries such as the Netherlands need to be aware that politicians did not make it happen. The citizens did it with mainly orderly civil protest.

John Curr

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Golf and Bowls Day







Serious Umpiring

Mick Lawson is getting close up and personal with this measurement.



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