



# UNBIASED

## April 2021

# Game of the Year!

On 24th January we were treated to one of the best Bendigo Cup Finals ever! Roderick James Roper and Scott "C U Jimmy" Irving battled it out for almost four hours to the delight of a transfixed crowd. Bowl by bowl, end by end, the two brilliant players fought with accuracy, strategy and sometimes magic until Scotty was the first to reach 31 points.

The Club audience and the passing crowd on the Coastal Walk clapped and cheered in amazement as the two players fiercely focused on landing closest to the jack. The

very fast and often blustery green changed it's character time and time again causing the men to reevaluate their line but nothing changed their determination to win.

At the end of the day everyone was elated by what they had seen and no one could argue that both Scotty and Rick were the winners! (But actually Scotty won...) Well done Fitzy for marking.

Many thanks to the organisers and especially to the wonderful Bendigo Bank for so generously sponsoring our Club again this year! Thanks friends!



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AND your  
community



## Dear Members, Guests and Staff,

### Australia Day Tournament

Coming after a year of great disruption for all of us the Australia Day Tournament provided a fillip to the Club in many ways. Stuart Wright took the lead in organising the day with able assistance on the day by Betty Skinner, the ever generous Trevor Maroske, Pat Brennan and many others.

Starting at 9.00 am, 42 bowlers pre-booked to play 3x40 minute games with 10/15 minute breaks, finishing at 12.00pm. Each team of three included women and men.

Winners enjoyed the prize money \$150, 2nd \$90, 3rd \$60 & 4th \$30.

Whilst the prize money was modest the match was booked out well in advance and members took the event seriously, rolling up, competing in social matches and enlivening the Club well before the event.

Varied and notable sponsorship was arranged. Coopers provided sun hats and stubby holders.

Others provided prizes for raffles. Funds from the raffle benefited the Ladies Club whose normal Tuesday game was disrupted i.e. \$250 Doncaster Hotel, Kensington; \$100 Bondi Bowling Club; \$50 Clovelly Hotel; \$100 Eastside Lawn Mowing; Fishing Trip Coogee Fishing Club; Pizza: Clovelly Beach Pizza; Voucher for 2: Taronga Zoo; 30% dry cleaning discount: ChemDry Randwick.

Thanks heaps to the members who helped to arrange the raffle prizes: Stuart Wright, Brett Fuller, Michael McKewn, Bruce Hughes, Matty Graham and Greg McDonald.

To cap it off funds were also raised for "Kids with Cancer".

The event was a great way to celebrate Australia Day: a well-run event, a fun day, lots of involvement by members in different ways, a lunch served with COVID panache, diverse sponsorship and yes, the winners were grinners.

### Bruce Hockey: A Living Tribute

The Club has received the most generous gift of a motor vehicle courtesy of the Bruce Hockey estate. Bruce was an avid bowler and life-long sportsman. Bruce was a well regarded local identity running the JIMAC Sports Trophy business for many, many years. The vehicle had been held in Queensland for over a year following Bruce's death, the settlement of his estate and the extended border closure between New South Wales and Queensland.

At the March 2021, Board Meeting it was agreed to provide a living tribute to Bruce by annually running a tournament in his name and that the car should be sold to provide funds for prize money. It would be fitting if the principles so successfully implemented in the Australia Day Event could be replicated in the "Bruce Hockey Tournament". One of Bruce's colleagues donated a trophy at Bruce's wake for the Club to use in his name. We've got the trophy let's organise the tournament. It is anticipated that the sale of the car will provide prize money for many years. If supplemented by sponsorship the event could prove to be very long standing.

### Brian Bagshaw, President





# Australia Day





# Bocce News



This photo was taken during the course of a friendly game of bocce. It was a beautiful sunny day and sixteen people enjoyed the games. Winners and losers were all happy to be together. Many people stayed back to enjoy a BYO panini lunch. Later they went back to another game of Bocce, while others gathered in the clubhouse to play a game of cards.

Later at midday an innovative Pizza luncheon was served for the players and friends. This was followed by a keen game of Bingo (Tombola). This was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations are extended to the seven new members that joined on the day.



**Pizza Day**



**BBQ Day**

Around 30 guests left the club in very harmonious state discussing the next event - BBQ on Thursday 25th March.

All were invited! It was a joyous event with a wonderful turn out which resulted even more new memberships. The Italian Sausage rolls with fried onion were a huge success and everyone had a great time!

We hope to see you all at our next event!

For inquiries about membership please know that there are now special conditions on offer by the club. Please ask Josephine or Gary.





# In Memoriam

## VALE Barry George

**November 1st 1935 - January 7th 2021**

Late of 63 Boundary St,  
Clovelly, NSW

Membership No. 40

As there was no funeral due to Barry donating his body to the Medical School, University of Technology, Sydney, a Memorial/Celebration service was organised for Barry at the North Bondi Surf Club on February 2, 2021.

Barry's laconic style, his daily

Bronte swim accessed (by scaling the Waverley Cemetery stone fence and acknowledging all those residing there), reminiscing about former Kings Cross identities, working for SP bookies working out of Charing Cross, Waverley, pubs, and affectionately caring for his handicapped wife, is how he is remembered.



## VALE Tom Moran

**March 28th 1934 - Mid March 2021**

Late of 28 Cowper St Randwick  
CBC Member No. 645 (since 2007)

Tom enjoyed the winner's podium at Clovelly many times – both singularly and in teams. His Bendigo Bank win of 2007 is memorable.

Tom represented the Club in Pennants and was a member of Clovelly's team in the State Pennants Final at Bathurst in 2008.

Tom is remembered for his 'love of a chat' – he impressed by seeming to know anybody and everybody, and so was able to recall people and events from what appeared to be an interesting and colourful life.

But Tom is best remembered by his being a gentle soul, always!



## VALE Les Morrison

**October 2nd 1932 - February 6th 2021**

Late of 148A Salamander Way,  
Salamander, Port Stephens

CBC Member No. 19 (1982 -2019)

Les was a peaceful, friendly man who always seemed to have a smile on his face. He loved the game of bowls and was good friends with many of our members. When he moved to Port Stephens he was greatly missed but his kindness will never be forgotten.





# Bendigo Cup



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# Live Music

On the 28th March our Ocean Room exploded to the exhilarating sounds of "The Go Luckies" who took 100 avid music lovers on a journey through the 30's, 40's and 50's. Using vintage instruments, Greg, Brendan, Andy and Alex's old school sounds were very much state of the art when it came to enjoyment!

The (COVID 19 style) packed audience tripped out in style for three hours, happy in the knowledge that Australian musos are still live and kicking after their forced sabbaticals!

Clovelly Bowling Club welcomes back live music and looks forward to our next gig!





# Community

Perhaps the thing that surprised me most when we joined Clovelly Bowling Club was that we were suddenly accepted into a wonderful community of people with almost nothing in common!

At the Club people of all ages, from all walks of life, come together like a Noah's Ark of personalities to roll cannonballs in the sunshine, at the edge of a cliff.

I soon realised that lawn bowls is not a game you play by yourself. Even a game of singles has two players and a marker. It's a game about people. But that's how it is in a Club, you become part of its heart and soul.

Take my friends Susie and Judith. Last February on Ladies Tuesday we were enjoying our weekly 'friendly' which involves much laughter, lax rules and an occasional rude word aimed at a pineapple or wrong bias.

The day was a stunning example of Sydney summer and the Coastal Walk was heaving with COVID wary people keeping fit. We spotted a woman sitting on one of the benches that overlooks our top green. Many people sit and take in the beauty of our greens and the ocean before they rise and continue on their way. This particular woman didn't leave but peacefully watched our fun from a distance. We decided to investigate.



**Susie and Judith**

Susie now has her own locker, set of lawn bowls and addiction to the game we love!

She had recently immigrated to Australia from Bournemouth to be close to her two daughters, their partners and five granddaughters. Leaving her lifelong friends was a big decision - would she be lonely in Sydney?

Before long an acquaintance asked if he could introduce her to his mother-in-law who was also from the UK visiting her son, daughter, their spouses and three grandsons. Judith was stranded in Australia after QANTAS canceled her flight

home due to COVID. Since they were both from the south coast of England maybe they would have things in common?

Over a cup of coffee Susie mentioned to Judith that she had just joined Clovelly Bowling Club and was loving it - would Judith like to come along? It turned out that Judith played bowls in England and had become a social member at Clovelly on previous trips. Why not?

And so started a close friendship that sees the women often sharing a bottle of pinot noir at the Club. They not only play bowls but go to the cinema and on shopping trips together. These two newbies have quickly become an integral part of our community.

Susie confesses that Judith is her best friend in Australia, she loves her humour, kindness, and straight talking. Judith loves Susie's brightness and friendliness. She says that she also feels lucky to have found a group of acquaintances who she now calls friends at the Club.

The good news is that Judith has recently decided to make Australia home so the friends are safe to enjoy each other's company for as long as they wish!

I discovered lots of wonderful, positive things about joining our Club but surely one of the best is the friendships we find here!





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# From the Past



**On the shoulders of giants**



**Winner Winner Chicken Dinner!**



**Our Foundation President, J.F. Burrows**



# Bowls Jokes



## FUNNY BOWLER NICKNAMES

**ROWDY** ... quiet personality, you never get a word from him/her  
**LANTERN** ... not real bright and you have to carry him/her  
**SUITCASE** or **HANDBAG** ... everyone carries him/her  
**ARNOTTS** or **BISCUITS** ... crumbles under pressure  
**BLISTER** ... comes out when all the hard works done  
**UNDERTAKER** ... the last person to let you down  
**PARCEL** ... always giving himself/herself a wrap  
**RIVER** ... narrow at the head, wide at the mouth  
**POSTMAN** ... doesn't deliver on the weekend  
**GIRAFFE** ... balls a long way from the head  
**GARBAGE MAN** ... always chasing rubbish  
**JFK** (John F Kennedy) ... a shot in the head

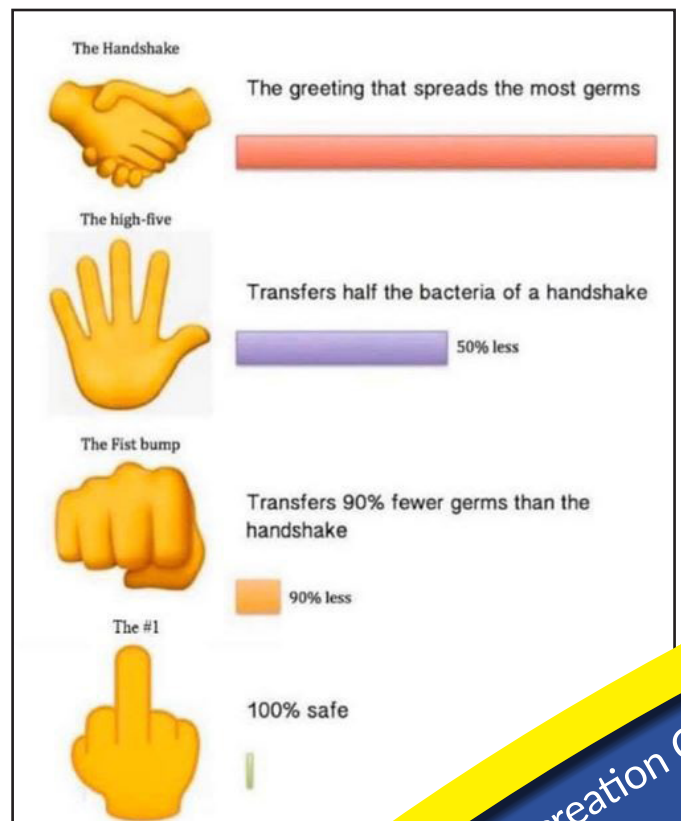
**UBER** ... loves to drive  
**NAPPIES** ... full of shit  
**WHISPERS** ... never shouts  
**SHIMMER** ... not quite a star  
**FIBRO** ... cracks under pressure  
**POTHOLE** ... always in the road  
**CANDLES** ... always getting wicks  
**GILLIGAN** ... cos he's not a skipper  
**TOASTER** ... pops up now and again  
**SCHAPELLE** ... takes too much grass  
**THE DRUM** ... everyone beats him/her  
**SCRIBBLER** ... because he/she can't draw



### THE 4 UPS IN BOWLS.

SKIPS MUST BE UP  
 THIRDS MUST MEASURE UP  
 SECONDS MUST CHALK UP  
 LEADS MUST SHUT UP

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# Green 2

**Green 2 having a makeover.**



**All hands on deck - even Betty...**



**What a result!**



# March Floods







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