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The Newsletter of the Lane Cove Bowling and Recreation Club 151 Burns Bay Road Lane Cove West 2066  
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### RESPIRE AS ATROCIOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS ABATE

Last Friday saw the first rays of sunshine for near on three weeks as incessant rain ceased to a trickle. A beautiful Saturday saw 22 social and 15 competition bowlers return to the greens.



**LES KAY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> BOWLS DAY  
ROLL UP FOR SOCIAL BOWLS ON SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>  
2.00 PM BREAK**

**CAKE CUTTING FOR A SPECIAL MEMBER LES KAY  
TO CELEBRATE HIS 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY ON THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
BRIAN WILL HAVE TO GET A BIG CAKE!**

## **LES KAY – A TEAM PLAYER**

By Mal KNIGHT

Les joined Lane Cove West Bowling Club as we were on 1 April 1986 some 36 years ago.

Les was on the men's committee for many years through the 1990s.

1992-1995 Les was Vice President to President Gordon Chapman

1996-1997 Les was Senior Vice President with Mal Knight as Junior Vice President as the administration committee was at the time to President Merv Cardelli.

1998-2000 Les was Senior Vice President to President Malcolm Knight

As Vice President Les always ran the raffle roster for all members so all members participated in running raffles. Mal noted in those days when Les arrived to bowls he would always draw the curtains back along the northern glass wall and that was always a good sign that bowls was about to start.

Les has been a successful bowler over the years and only retired some eighteen months ago before his 100th birthday.

His competition winning results are as follows:

1. 1986 Handicap Pairs
2. 1989 Minor Pairs
3. 1992 Handicap Pairs
4. 2003 Club Triples
5. 2007 Club Triples
6. 2007 Handicap Pairs
7. 2008 Over 70s Pairs
8. 2009 Club Fours

Les was always a member of the clubs Pennant Team for many years.

Congratulations Les on your 100th Birthday, your friendship, a wonderful bowling career and for your contribution to the Lane Cove Bowling Club.



Most recent photograph of Les in bowling mode.

**MID-WEEK CHALLENGE RESUMES TOMORROW**

Given the weather experienced in Sydney and surrounds, all Mid-Week Challenge matches due to be played on March 9 were cancelled.

As per Conditions of Play for the Mid-Week Challenge points will be divided between opposing clubs as there is no spare day scheduled for weather cancellations in sectional rounds.

Weather permitting Rounds 5 & 6 will be played on the scheduled days.

**LADDER – GRADE 6 SECTION 2 - ROUND 4**

Pos.	Team	P	D	Pts	For	Ag	Diff.
1	Lindfield Rollers #1	4		45	126	89	37
2	Mosman	4		39	109	95	14
3	Lane Cove #1	4		33	100	116	-16
4	Forestville RSL #2	4		27	84	119	-35

**Grade 6 (Section 2) Lane Cove No. 1 team away to Lindfield Rollers #1 on 16th March are:**

Team	Lead	Second	Skip
1	Julian Barker	Andrew Gordon	Rohan Marshall
2	Kay Mulhall	Stuart Smith	Marko Popovic
3	Monica Smith	John Bowring	Phil Wade

Manager: Brian Paxton

**LADDER – GRADE 6 SECTION 3 - ROUND 4**

Pos.	Team	P	D	Pts	For	Ag	Diff.
1	Newport	4		45	133	100	33
2	Lindfield Rollers #2	4		36	111	127	-16
3	Dee Why	4		34.5	108	101	7
4	Avalon Beach	4		33	92	109	-17
5	Lane Cove #2	4		30	111	126	-15

**Grade 6 (Section 3) Lane Cove No. 2 team away to Newport on 16th March are:**

Team	Lead	Second	Skip
1	Vic Solway	David Erskine	Robert Campbell
2	Glenn Boardman	Greg Moon	Rex Johnston
3	Craig Marriott	Kevin Mulhall	Robert Patterson

Manager: Joe Campbell

**CAN VIC, STUART AND MONICA PULL A BRADBURY IN ZONE 9 RESERVE TRIPLES!**

In unusual circumstances two Lane Cove Teams fought out the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter final of the 2021 Zone 9 President Reserve Triples at Belrose Bowling Club last Saturday.

With the unavailability of Jenny and Ray Moran, skip Vic Solway was fortunate to have on hand another dynamic duo in Monica and Stuart Smith to form his reconstituted team. Team Vic received a bye in the 1<sup>st</sup> round and a forfeit from Avalon Beach in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and thus advanced to the quarter finals without a bowl being rolled.

Likewise, with Sarah Hobson being unavailable to skip on Saturday David Madson took over and led the team of Kay Mulhall and David Erskine to victory in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round over a team from Chatswood 21-17 after having received a bye in the 1<sup>st</sup> round. Sunday morning saw David winging his way to Tasmania and Sarah stepped into the team as a substitute, however, due to the team been reconstituted played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> position with Kay going to skip.

And so, the scene was set for Sunday morning at Belrose to see which Lane Cove team would advance to the semi-finals next week.

On the ground reports that at ‘several points of the game all even’, however, Vic, Stuart and Monica motored away in the latter stages for a good win 30-20. Reports further stated that “Vic made some valued points stealing the head on several occasions from Kay” and that “Monica found her rhythm ... consistently drawing to the jack” whilst “Stuart was able to dictate game (sic) and do what Vic asked of him”. For the losers Kay stepped up to the mark as skip most competently and the experience will stand her in good stead in the future.

Lane Cove’s three (3) other teams advanced to the second round with Rex Johnston, Rohan Marshall and Scott Bonthron defeating C Coupland (Forestville RSL) 34-13 in the 1<sup>st</sup> round before succumbing to P Goodwin (Lindfield Rollers) 19-15 in a closely fought 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

John Lloyd, Kevin Mulhall and Craig Marriott lost 15-24 to P Pang (Chatswood) after receiving a bye in the 1<sup>st</sup> round. Robert Campbell, Julian Barker and Brian Paxton lost 13-31 to J Churchyard (Harbord) also having received a bye in the 1<sup>st</sup> round.

**2021 ZONE 9 TRIPLES SEMI-FINALISTS**

The semi-final and finals of the Open, Seniors and Reserve Triples will be played at Belrose Bowling Club next Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The teams competing are-  
OPEN:

M. Blackburn (Belrose) versus A. Wares (Asquith); and  
M. Davern (Asquith) versus K. Treacher (North Sydney)

SENIORS:

M. Blackwood (Mona Vale) versus R. Lewis (Harbord); and  
G. Tye (Avalon Beach) versus R. Wise (Belrose)

RESERVE:

P. Goodwin (Lindfield) versus Vic Solway (Lane Cove); and  
I. Read (North Sydney) versus S. Maas (Belrose).

## **WELCOME BACK CHRIS SINCLAIR**

By Mal Knight

Back in around 2005, 3 young gents joined the Lane Cove Bowling club who all went on to be great bowlers in their own right.

The 3 guys were Chris Sinclair, Brad Franklin and Simon Creedy.

1. Chris Sinclair stayed at the club for about 4 years before moving on to Nelson Bay. On Saturday Chris returned to the area and has chosen to re-join Lane Cove Bowling Club.
2. Brad Franklin stayed the same time but moved on to play Premier League for Harbord and now plays for Belrose where he Skips Grade 1 Pennants and Zone 9 bowls.
3. Simon Creedy stayed at Lane Cove and his record on the Club Honour Boards speak for itself.

In his short time and second year at the club Chris Sinclair won the following:

1. 2006 Major Pairs with Brad Franklin
2. 2006 Major Triples with Brad Franklin and Simon Creedy
3. 2006 Handicap Pairs with Brad Franklin
4. 2006 Minor Singles
5. 2008 Major Fours

It will be good to have him back bowling with us and another useful competitive bowler. Welcome back Chris.

## **BOWLING RESULTS**

Wednesday 9 March 2022

### **Social**

Abandoned due to inclement weather

Saturday 12 March 2022

### **Social**

Carole Boardman, Marilyn Screen & Vic Solway 17 defeated Len Hattersley/Chris Sinclair, Maureen Terrey & Simon Creedy 16;

Meredith Collum, Monica Smith & John Bowring 24 defeated David Lloyd, Kathy Heezen & Graham Screen 18;

Glenn Boardman & Greg Moon 23 defeated Susan Walder & Stuart Smith 17; and

Bevan Piper, David Hillerman & Marko Popovic 26 defeated Jim Galvin, Ole Hostrup & Phil Wade 17.

**BOWLING PROGRAMME NEXT WEEK**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Mid-week Challenge (Round 5)</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Over 70s Handicap Pairs - Final</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Consistency Singles – Round 1</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Zone 9 CoCC Pairs – entries close</b>

**CONSISTENCY SINGLES DRAW**

The original draw posted last week excluded **David Madson’s** entry. This has now been corrected and David, off a handicap of 25, plays Rohan Marshall in the first round.

**MEMBER’S BADGE DRAW**

The Member’s Badge Draw has now reached **\$240**. All you have to do to win is be at the Club next Wednesday between 4.30 and 5.00 PM and for your name to be drawn as the winner!

**Bowls Practice and Roll Ups**

An objective of the Club is to encourage practice. Therefore, roll ups are accommodated wherever possible subject to the following:

- Fully paid-up bowling members of the Club and fully paid-up bowling members of another Club residing outside of the Lane Cove Council Local Government Area are permitted to roll up free of charge.
- Persons residing in the Lane Cove Local Government Area wishing to roll up are subject to a fee of \$5.00.
- Roll ups are permitted, on any day of the week when there are rinks available and open for use. **Please check the Noticeboard near the Men’s Locker Room. It is important that members check the board prior to roll up to assist the greenkeeper in keeping our greens in the best possible order.**
- Roll Ups are not permitted before 10.00am.
- Vacant rinks on greens that are being used for State Events, Pennants or Club Championships may not be used for roll-ups.
- Roll ups are permitted prior to a social game.
- Roll ups on a green that is to be used later for a Club competition or a Pennant game are permitted but must be completed 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the game.

**MIXED PAIRS DRAW**

The Emerald Isle duo of Kay and Kevin Mulhall are up to defend their title against nine (9) competitive teams in this year’s edition of the Mixed Pairs. Last year’s runners up Marilyn and Graham Screen have decided to part ways with Marilyn teaming up with Brian Paxton and Graham with Lena Manu. Interestingly, they have drawn to play each other in the first round.

“The man who has no imagination has no wings.” – Muhammad Ali

**LANE COVE BOWLING AND RECREATION CLUB – MIXED PAIRS 2021 DRAW**

Round 1 by	Rd2	Q/F	S/F
27 March	10/4	1/5	15/5



Winners 2020: Kay and Kevin Mulhall  
 Runners up: Marilyn and Graham Screen

**BIRTHDAYS:** 'I'm at an age when my back goes out more than I do.'



**Pat Biddell** has her birthday on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> and when born swayed to the tune of *My Little Grass Shack in Kealakekua, Hawaii* with Ted Fio Rito and Muzzy Marcellino vocals

**Robert Patterson** also has his birthday on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> and his birth tune was *Cruising Down the River (on a Sunday afternoon)* with Blue Barron and His Orchestra

**John Bowring** celebrates on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and top song at his birth was *Darn That Dream* with Benny Goodman and Mildred Bailey vocals

**David Erskine** has the tipsy song *Rum and Coca-Cola* with The Andrews Sisters for his birthday on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

**Monica Smith's** mum and dad swooned to the tune of *Be My Love* sung by Mario Lanza on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> in the year of her birth.

### ON TELEVISION



Horse Racing – Golden Slipper (Rosehill)

Rugby League – Roosters V Sea Gulls

The Bowls Show - SBS 1.00pm



1. What year did Cyclone Yasi hit North Queensland?
2. The platypus and echidna are the only marsupials in the world that can...?
3. What bank was formerly known as The Bank of NSW?
4. What was Don Bradman's batting average?
5. Where is the Big Avocado found in Australia?

Answers: 1 2011. 2 Lay eggs. 3 Westpac. 4 99.94. 5. Duranbah (NSW).

"If dogs could talk, it would take a lot of fun out of owning one." —Andrew A. Rooney



## **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CALLED UPON TO GIVE TAX RELIEF TO DRINKERS**

The Australian Hotels Association, Clubs Australia (supported by ClubsNSW) and the Brewers Association are calling on the Federal Government to deliver beer tax relief to pubs, clubs and Australian beer drinkers and other venues through a cut in draught beer tax.

### **PUBS, CLUBS AND BEER DRINKERS NEED A BEER TAX CUT**

- 11 million Australians visit the pub at least once each 3 months. A beer tax cut will make a big difference for them and for venue operators. A 50 per cent draught beer tax reduction would lower tax bills by \$500 for an average pub and would reduce the tax payable on a pint of beer by around 40 cents.
- Pubs and clubs employ hundreds and thousands of Australians. They want to employ more as they rebuild but the high rate of beer tax is holding them back. They need a break from Government.
- Australia's beer tax rate is the 4th highest in the OECD and it has been going up twice a year for 35 years. With a pint of beer now over \$10, catching up at the pub with mates for a beer is becoming unaffordable for many everyday Australians.
- The next beer excise increase will be on 1st August and is likely to be the biggest hike in over a decade – just as venues start to recover.
- Beer sales are critical for pubs and clubs representing about 70% of all their alcohol sales.

Current tax payable per keg \$70 Proposed tax payable per keg \$35

### **BEER TAX RELIEF – POLICY PROPOSAL**

The Australian Hotels Association, Clubs Australia (supported by ClubsNSW) and the Brewers Association are asking for the draught beer rate to be reduced by 50 per cent to provide relief for pubs, clubs and beer drinkers.

This would be a one-off decrease with the rate then increasing in line with CPI twice yearly following the reduction. The change would not impact the rates for pack beer. Beer and spirits are subject to an EXCISE TAX with rates per litre of pure alcohol in the product set by the Australian Government.

A 50% reduction in the draught beer tax would mean the rate would drop from \$36.98 per litre of pure alcohol to \$18.49 per litre of pure alcohol for full strength draught beer.

**Policy costings:** The policy proposal will reduce Government revenue from beer excise by \$150 million in the first year, decreasing after this as inflation increases resume. This is the equivalent of a 5 per cent reduction in beer tax revenue:



State	1140ml (40 fl oz)	570ml (20 fl oz)	450ml (15 fl oz)	285ml (10 fl oz)
NSW/ACT	Jug	Pint	Schooner	Middy
Victoria	Jug	Pint	Schooner	Pot
Queensland	Jug	Pint	Schooner	Pot
Western Aust.	Jug	Pint	Schooner	Middy
Southern Aust.	Jug	Imperial Pint	Pint	Schooner
Tasmania	Jug	Pint	Schooner	Ten
N. Territory	Jug	Pint	Schooner	Handle
<b>Proposed tax cut for beer drinkers:</b>	<b>40c</b>	<b>30c</b>	<b>20c</b>	<b>20c</b>

**Beer tax in Australia**

Australia has the fourth highest beer tax in the OECD.

- 1 Norway \$3.35
- 2 Finland \$2.70
- 3 Japan \$2.49
- 4 Australia \$2.13

**All other OECD countries**

- UK \$1.52
- Ireland \$1.50
- New Zealand \$1.33
- Belgium \$0.36
- USA \$0.29
- Germany \$0.14



## CITY TATTERSALS BOWLING CLUB

Visit

## LANE COVE BOWLING CLUB

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Members wishing to participate on the above day please enter your name on the entry form on the Notice board

This event is open to all men and women members

There will be 1 game of Triples starting at 10.30am followed by a light lunch.

Cost \$15.00 for the day



## ***LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH***

***BOWLS AT 2.00PM followed by a Sausage Sizzle***

***\$10 entry per player. \$5 Sausage Sizzle only! New Bowlers***

***welcome. Coaching provided. Bowls provided. Barefoot / flat shoes***

## **THE PLACE TO BE ON FRIDAY FOR RAFFLE RAP**

**16 PRIZES MINIMUM – draw at 6.15pm**

**Meat trays, wine, gift cards, seafood vouchers, half ham and more!**

“What makes something special is not just what you have to gain, but what you feel there is to lose.” —Andre Agassi

## AUSSIE DESTINATIONS – Nimbin, NSW

Famous alternative lifestyle district, now a tourist destination.



Historically Nimbin was a sleepy town in the middle of a dairy and timber district. It was isolated, not on any main roads, and far removed from the major coastal centre of Byron Bay. In 1973 the Australian Union of Students organised an Aquarius Festival in the town and overnight it became a byword for 1970s hippiedom, now amusingly known as "Australia's progressive alternative lifestyle movement", when thousands of students descended on the town. Many stayed and pursued idealistic lifestyles. Today it is a popular tourist destination as people from around the world come to, albeit briefly, participate in the alternative lifestyle choices of healthy food, permaculture and organic growing, and colourful clothing.

Nimbin is one of the rainiest and most humid places in Australia. It experiences exceptionally high rainfall and humidity levels along with far below average wind speed. Overnight temperatures are above average and daytime temperatures, numbers of cloudy days and numbers of clear days are below average.

Summer in Nimbin is between December and February and maximum daily temperatures average between 25.7 and 26.5°C with overnight minimums averaging between 16.5 and 17.5°C. Summer days are balmy, averaging around 26.5 °C in the hottest months. Sunscreen and hat recommended.

Winter is between June and August and maximum daily temperatures average between 17.3 and 18.7°C with overnight minimums averaging between 7.2 and 8.5°C. Winter days in Nimbin are moderately cool but can be moderately cold if windy, dropping to around 17.3 °C. Pack your jumper and long pants.

## Location

Nimbin is located 766 km north of Sydney via the Pacific Highway, Summerland Way, Casino and Lismore, and 179 km south of Brisbane via Murwillumbah.

## Origin of Name

It is likely that the town's name is a corruption/abbreviation of Nimbinjee.

## Cullen Street

Nimbin is like no other rural town. It is characterised by brightly coloured, often psychedelic, mural facades and shopfronts that are designed to create an alternative ambience. It is a town where vegetarianism, alternative health therapies, craft shops and candle factories are vital parts of the local scenery. To wander along the main street of Nimbin is



to experience such shops and facades as the Green Bank, the H.E.M.P. Embassy, the H.E.M.P. Bar, the Nimbin Craft Gallery, Happy High Herbs, Tribal Magic, the Environmental Centre, the Nimbin Mad Hattery and Perceptios Books. The cafes serve wholesome and unusual food. The shops are full of crafts.

## Nimbin Rocks

The remains of ancient, eroded volcanic dykes are the Nimbin Rocks. It has been estimated that they are between 20-23 million years old and are a southern inland section of the gigantic Tweed caldera, a vast super-volcano which covered 4,000 square kilometres from Coraki in the south to Beenleigh in the north, west to Kyogle and east beyond the coast where it formed islands (Cook Island) and dangerous reefs.

## St Stephens Presbyterian Church

St Stephens is the very simple, timber Presbyterian Church which was opened on 22 September, 1922. Ministry was by foot until a horse and sulky were provided and then by pushbike in 1928. The church still has its original pump organ.





### **Nightcap National Park**

The ridges, peaks and gullies of Nightcap National Park (4945 ha) consist of solidified and eroded lava from the gigantic Tweed caldera, a vast super-volcano which covered 4,000 square kilometres from Coraki in the south to Beenleigh in the north, west to Kyogle and east

beyond the coast where it formed islands (Cook Island) and dangerous reefs. The fertile soil which derived from the rock, together with the state's highest rainfall, has created one of the finest sections of subtropical rainforest in New South Wales. Some of the park's enormous brush box are thought to be up to 1500 years old.

### **Mount Nardi and Pholis Gap**

Mount Nardi is one of the park's highest peaks.

Pholis Gap Walk is a 4 km link track that leads from the Matheson Track to Pholis Lookout (named after Athol Pholi who was killed by a falling tree). The lookout provides outstanding views of the Tweed and Doon Doon Valleys.

### **Terania Creek and Protesters Falls**

Terania Creek and Protesters Falls are set in particularly dense rainforest featuring thickets of bangalow palms and native tamarind. The falls were named after the protesters who carried on an anti-logging campaign here in 1979 which led to the declaration of the national park in 1983.

### **The Channon**



The Channon is an attractive village halfway between Nimbin and Lismore. It is surrounded by an agricultural area known for permaculture and organic farming. The village is perched on a hilltop which is home to a vibrant artistic alternative community. The

village is named after a local palm. The centre of the cultural life of the village is the tavern and The Channon Craft Market which is held on the second Sunday of each month.

## History

- \* European timber cutters reached the area in the 1840s. They were searching for red cedar and other subtropical hardwoods.
- \* The area was subdivided into agricultural holdings in 1903.
- \* It was gazetted in 1906.
- \* When the timber was exhausted the land was cleared for dairy and banana farming.
- \* By 1908 a local Dairy Co-operative was established.
- \* By the 1930s Italian immigrants were growing bananas of the hills around the town.
- \* The town's dairy industry declined dramatically in the 1960s.
- \* In 1973 the Australian Union of Students (AUS) chose the Nimbin Valley as the venue for the experimental lifestyle Aquarius Festival. The festival was to be "a total, cultural experience through the lifestyle of participation" and attracted students and alternative lifestyle enthusiasts from all over Australia. A small number stayed on and formed the basis of a lifestyle experiment which emphasised sustainability and organic farming.
- \* Shortly after the Aquarius Festival the Tuntable Falls Co-ordination Co-operative was established. It purchased 486 hectares for \$100,000 and sold 500 shares in the co-operative for \$200 each. This led to the establishment of other co-operatives including the Paradise Valley Pastoral Company. The 'alternative society' has been able to prosper because this is impossibly rich land with a rainfall which ranges from 1500-2000 mm per year and which is ideal, particularly in the pockets of rich rainforest, for the growing of bananas, paw paws, mangoes and kiwi fruit.
- \* People who settled in the area were deeply committed to alternative forms of agriculture. Today, local practitioners of permaculture, organic food growing and energy efficiency live on the land around the town.
- \* In 1979 the Battle of Terania Creek was held at Protesters Falls. it was instrumental in protecting the rainforest in the area.
- \* In 1996 Nimbin became a sister town with Woodstock in the USA.
- \* In 2008 the town was raided by 110 police officers trying to clamp down on marijuana usage. It is illegal in New South Wales.
- \* In August 2014 a fire destroyed three of the town's most famous alternative lifestyle buildings - the Nimbin Museum, Bringabong and the Rainbow Cafe.



To commemorate her 79<sup>th</sup> birthday (she is now 86), actress/vocalist, **Julie Andrews** made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons). One of the musical numbers she performed was 'My Favourite Things' from the legendary movie 'Sound Of Music'. Here are the lyrics she used:

**If you sing it, it's especially moving!!!**

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,  
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,  
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,  
These are a few of my favourite things.

*Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,  
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,  
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favourite things.*

When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,  
When the knees go bad,  
I simply remember my favourite things,  
And then I don't feel so bad.

*Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,  
These are a few of my favourite things.*

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',  
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',  
And we won't mention our short-shrunken frames,  
When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache, When the hips break,  
When the eyes grow dim,  
Then I remember the great life I've had,  
And then I don't feel so bad.

“Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.” —Neale Donald Walsh



## St. Patrick's Day Thursday, March 17

St Patrick's Day is an annual observance that is popular in Australia on March 17. As Australians, we're happy to take any excuse to drink and St Patrick's Day falls into this category.



Many Australians remember the Irish settlement and culture on St Patrick's Day. The Irish were among the first Europeans to settle in Australia. They comprised a small portion of the convict settlement population in the late 1700s. Only 12 per cent of the convicts transported to Australia were Irish. More than 300,000 other Irish settlers (not convicts) migrated to Australia between 1840 and 1914. Many Irish immigrants came to Australia to escape famine in their homeland. About 30 percent of Australians are believed to have some Irish ancestry today.

One way of preserving Irish traditions and customs in Australia is celebrating St Patrick's Day each year. St Patrick is one of Ireland's patron saints. He died on March 17 in or around the year 493. He worked as a missionary in Ireland and it is believed that he banished "snakes" from the country although the term may have referred to druids or pagan worshippers.

And so, bung on a Gaelic brogue and lift a Guinness (or a Kilkenny, if we're not as stout of heart as our forebears) to the snake-deporting saint of the craic.

**WORD OF THE WEEK: Otorhinolaryngologist:** a doctor who studies or treats diseases of the ear, nose, and throat

**IDIOM OF THE WEEK: Bunch of Fives:** fist or punch

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** 'There's no such thing as a 100-year flood.'-- Andrew Cuomo

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:** "Defeat is a state of mind; No one is ever defeated until defeat has been accepted as a reality." – Bruce Lee

**A WIDE VIEW:** "There's no such thing as good weather or bad weather. There are just weather and your attitude towards it."

**WICKED WORDS:** "The victim mindset will have you dancing with the devil, then complaining that you're in hell." – Steve Maraboli

**A NOVEL NOTE:** 'But in a solitary life, there are rare moments when another soul dips near yours, as stars once a year brush the earth. Such a constellation was he to me.' – Circe by Madeline Miller

**DID YOU KNOW:** Siberia Is Home to the Deepest Lake on Earth. Lake Baikal is the largest freshwater lake by volume in the world. It contains over 20% of the world's fresh surface water. It is also the deepest lake in the world, with a depth of 5,387 feet (1,642 meters).

**FUN FACT:** Nepal has the most unique national flag in the whole world. There is only one nonrectangular flag in the world which is of Nepal. Nepali flag has 3 colours in it including Maroon (red), Blue and White. It's proved in the history of Nepal that the Design of the Nepali flag is over 2000 years old.

**SHE SAID IT:** If gentlemen prefer blondes then I'm a blonde that prefers gentlemen. - Barbara Eden

**HE SAID IT:** I used to play golf. I wanted to be a better player, but after a while I realized I'd always stink. And that's when I really started to enjoy the game. - Don Rickles

**LIFE'S QUOTE:** "The Bible tells us to love our neighbours, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people." — G.K. Chesterton

"An athlete cannot run with money in his pockets. He must run with hope in his heart and dreams in his head." —Emil Zatopek

## BEST LINE



1951

THE GREAT CARUSO

1951

This film traces the life of tenor Enrico Caruso (1873-1921). He loves Musetta, in his home town of Naples, and then Dorothy, the daughter of one of the Metropolitan Opera's patrons. Caruso is unacceptable to both women's fathers: to one, because he sings; to Dorothy's, because he is a peasant. To New York patricians, Caruso is short, barrel chested, loud, emotional, unrefined. Their appreciation comes slowly. The film depicts Caruso's lament that "the man does not have the voice, the voice has the man": he cannot be places he wants to be, because he must be elsewhere singing, including the day his mother dies. Throughout, Mario Lanza and stars from the Met sing.



**Enrico Caruso:** Be my love, for no one else can end this yearning

**Director:** Richard Thorpe \* **Cast:** Mario Lanza (Enrico Caruso) Ann Blyth (Dorothy Benjamin [Caruso]) Dorothy Kirsten (Louise Heggar) Jarmila Novotna (Maria Selka) Richard Hageman (Carlo Santi)

**Riddle:** What English word retains the same pronunciation, even after you take away four of its five letters? (Answer page 23)

'A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.' – Greek proverb

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** When I bought my Blackberry, I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 800 employees, all without a mobile phone that plays music, takes videos, pictures and communicates with Facebook and Twitter. I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my kids, their spouses, and my grandkids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.



That was before one of my grandkids hooked me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twhirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie and Twitterific, Tweetdeck, Twitpix and something that sends every message to my mobile phone and every other program within the texting World.

My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I now keep my mobile phone in the garage in my bowls bag.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the corner store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Bluetooth [it's red] phone I am supposed to use when I drive.

I mean the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside that gadget was the most annoying and rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes she would sarcastically say, "Re-calc-u-lating." You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then if I made a right turn instead. Well, it was not a good relationship...

When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets and, while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GPS lady, at least she loves me.

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out how I lose three phones all at once and have to run around digging under chair cushions, checking bathrooms, and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the corner store. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "Paper or Plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for six. I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused, but I never remember to take them with me. Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "Paper or plastic?" I just say, "It doesn't matter to me. I am bi-sacksual."

Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look. I was recently asked if I tweet. I answered, No, but I do burp a lot."

## TICKLES CORNER



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As has been the case with previous natural disasters, including the bushfires of late 2019 and early 2020, BA is keen to offer our help and support to those in need. The Bowls Disaster Relief Fund is available for clubs to turn to who may have been impacted.

BA will to redirect one-hundred per cent of all sums raised back to those clubs in need, who are able to access monies from the fund via an application process.

Thousands of dollars were previously raised to provide much needed assistance to clubs impacted by the bushfires, and bowlers can once again play a part in helping their fellow members in what is a difficult time for all.

If you or your club is able to donate any items to a club in need, please email [participation@bowls.com.au](mailto:participation@bowls.com.au) to facilitate your donation.



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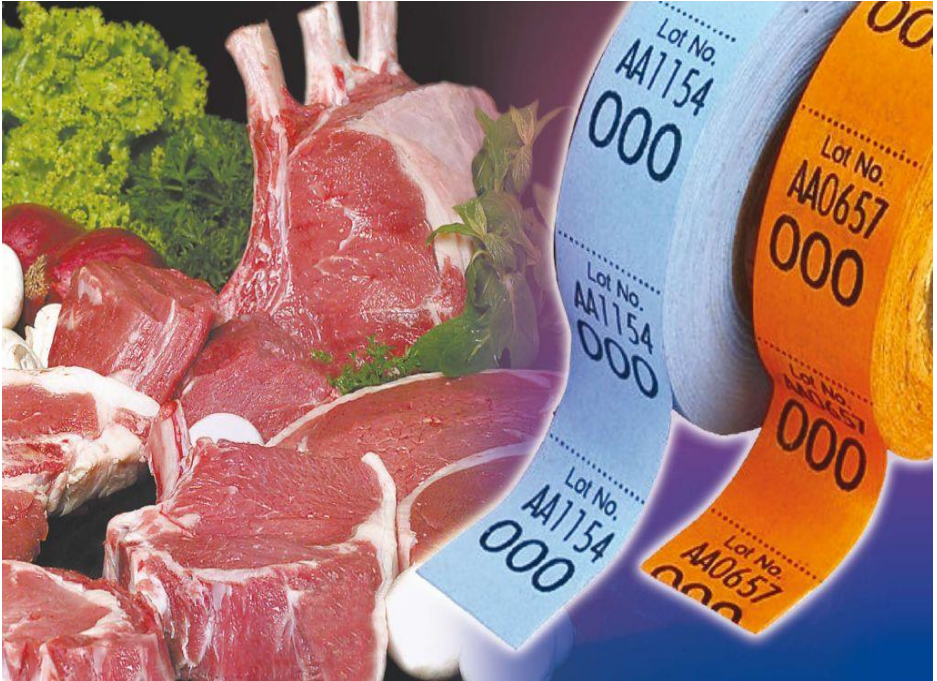
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