



Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club  
1959 - 2009

# *Golden Anniversary*



# Life Members



Fred Smith 1960  
Deceased



Jack Mackie 1974  
Deceased



Lousie Copp 1975  
Deceased



Max Lombe 1976



Rita Oliver 1990  
Deceased



Paul O'Grady 1993



Roger Gordon 1993



Glen Mathers 1996



Ken Oliver 1996



Joyce Sandry 1997  
Deceased



John Brogan 2002



Ken Broughton 2005

## Deceased Life Members

No photos available

Muriel Roberts  
Arthur Roberts  
Enid Morrison  
George Coutman  
Albert Blundell

# INTRODUCTION



We are walking through the first half century of Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club, pausing to recall names, deeds, events and specific milestones which marked the growth of this great Club at the TOP OF THE SHIRE.

The initial search for information relating to the foundation and early history of the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club revealed very little. Discussions with long serving members led to an introduction to Max Lombe. His recall directed attention to finding the original Committee Meetings Minutes dating back to the first recorded meeting and the Foundation Committee of the Club. I remain indebted to Max and to many other members for their time and knowledge during the pursuit for information.

To my wife, Marilyn who has patiently devoted her support and countless hours to this story, a huge thank you. Also a very special thank you to Cathy Bedford and Lisa Clinch for their enthusiasm, encouragement and hands on assistance.

I believe this project to be most worthwhile and its own reward. Trusting that those who read the story find it interesting and take enjoyment in the unfolding of the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club history 1959 – 2009



**Peter Paterson**





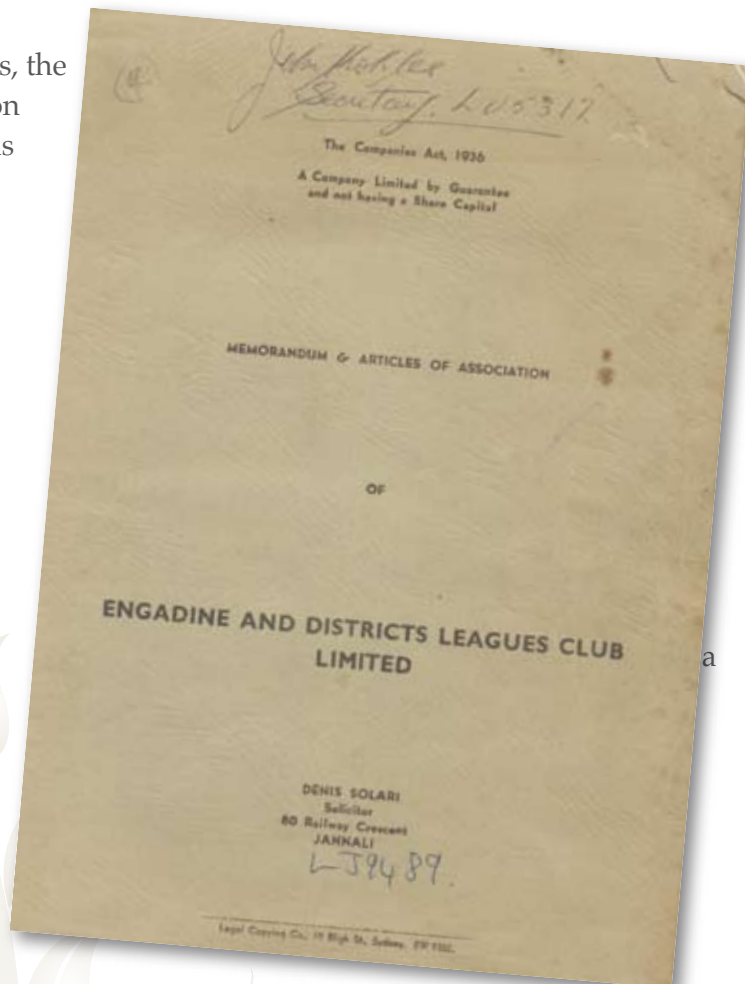
## 1958

January 10, 1958 is recorded as the birth date of the Engadine District Leagues Club. The site was formerly Bert Mason's poultry farm in Cambrai Avenue and one of the chook sheds became the League's Club clubhouse.

By chance or by design, who really knows, the seeds of Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club were cast (perhaps not recognized as such) on that same day and at that same location.

The Leagues Club was incorporated as a company limited and unlicensed. Memberships totaled 199. The prime objective was to establish a local area sporting and social venue.

During the initial year the first bowling green was built with voluntary labour and a bowls section introduced under the guidance of Fred Smith and Russell Bell who together with small committee, took care of all bowling matters for the following 16 months.





Regulations for the proposed Leagues Club required a minimum of 100 members with annual subscription of: Males - 2 pounds and Females -1 pound.

Despite all efforts, by November 1959, the Leagues Club were unable to continue the possibility of forming a new and separate club emerged. The seeds of the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club were germinating.

On December 22, 1959 a meeting was held and established the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club – thus the first MILESTONE in the Club's history had been laid.

These are the first members of the club:  
ALLAN PHILLIP BLEWITT, carrier  
WALTER LAWRENCE BOWER, poultry farmer  
LESLIE GORDON CHRISTOPHER, factory manager  
JOHN ROSS CLANCY, public accountant  
ROBERT CONYERS, painter  
LESLIE HERBERT COPP, painter  
HAROLD GEORGE COUTMAN, burner  
EDWARD GEORGE ELLEY, fibrous caster  
JOHN FRANK FARRELL, clerk  
SYDNEY CHARLES FRAZER, produce merchant  
WILLIAM JAMES GRAY, line inspector  
THOMAS PATRICK GREEN, salesman  
ALLAN FREDERICK HEMMETT, transport officer  
EDWARD FRANCIS HICKEY, clerk  
GEORGE BROWN HUNTER, club manager  
NOREEN PATRICIAN BLEWITT, home duties  
ALBERT BLUNDELL, driver  
JOHN KAVANAGH, audit inspector  
ERICK KETTLEWELL, wholesale grocer  
JOHN LEBER, salesman  
JOHN RAMSEY LENNON, rail employee  
CLARENCE EDWIN LINDSAY, plumber  
MAXWELL LOMBE, plumber  
JOHN JAMES MACKIE, clerk  
JAMES VICTOR McGARRIGLE, station master  
EDITH LYDIA MORRISON, home duties  
WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORRISON, pattern maker  
DAVID MOSS, clerk  
JAMES KENNETH OLIVER, boiler attendant  
ARTHUR REGINALD ROBERTS, retired  
KEITH WALTER SEMKEN, builder  
LEWIS ALFRED SHEPHERD, moulder  
ALBERT EDWARD SLOAN, driver  
FREDERICK JAMES SMITH, postmaster  
GEORGE NEVILLE SMITH, technician  
FREDERICK GEORGE WILLIAMS, builder

A further 40 who attended that historic meeting lodged their applications and also became members:

Gordon Alley, Russell Bell, John Bartlett, Robert Bain, Edward Brownscombe, Patrick Bryant, Robert Bryant, Raymond Blundell, Sydney Dearberg, Noel Foreshaw, William Forsyth, Jessie Fortey, John Fortey, Mervyn Garrett, Albert Gillman, Horace Harding, Norma Hemmett, Harold Jones, Joan Kettlewell, Keith Low, Peter Lane, Herbert Lamb, Timothy Loneragan, Phylis Kavanagh, Anthony Marsh, Arthur Mason, Mary Mackie, John McCormack, William Melrose, Marie Oliver, William Quill, Cecil Randall, John Kelly, Muriel Roberts, Kevin Schneider, Esther Smith, Anthony Spiller, Joan Spiller, May Wade, William Webster

It was recommended and accepted that this meeting be recognized as the inaugural meeting of the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club and that 3 trustees be appointed, not being executives. Those trustees were Walter Bower, Arthur Roberts and Victor McGarrigle.

The Committee of the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club elected on December 22, 1959:

NON COMMITTEE PATRONS:	Les Johnson MHR, Harry Lynch
PRESIDENT:	Fred Smith
SECRETARY:	Russell Bell
TREASURER;	Maxwell Lombe
BOWLS SECRETARY:	Allan Hemmett
PUBLICITY OFFICER:	Jim Oliver

Many of these names evoke strong memories of the beginning, growth and success of Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club and heighten the Golden Anniversary Celebration.



Fred Smith



Russell Bell



Maxwell Lombe



Allan Hemmett



Jim Oliver

#### Additional committee



Sid Frazer



Pat Green



Bill Melrose



Andy Marsh



Eric Kettlewell

Max Lombe was a foundation member and Treasurer 1959-1961 and Secretary 1966-1977. Apart from those 15 years Max assisted various committees and played an integral role during the establishing years of Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club.

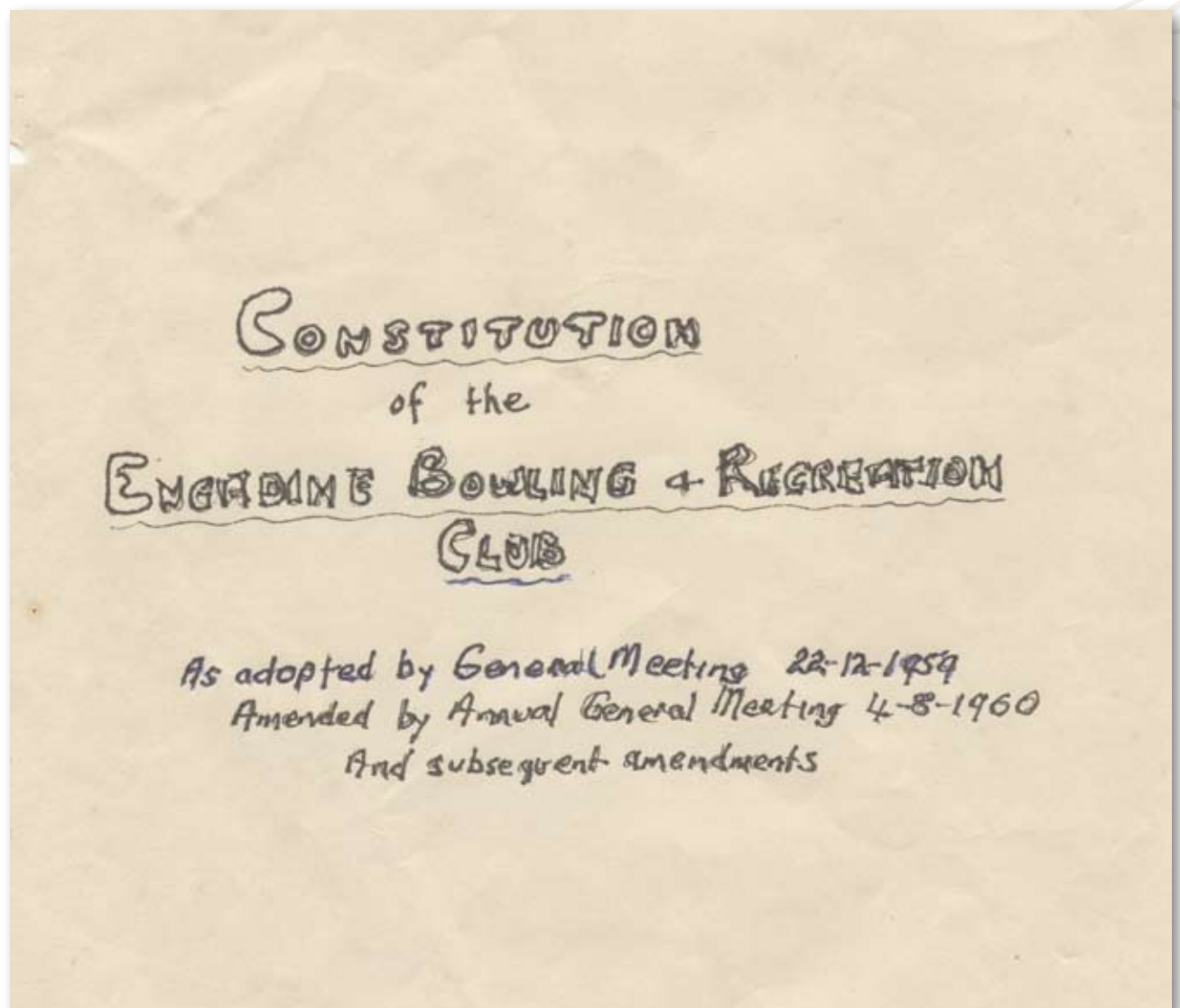
As well as enjoying his bowls Max has been Patron of the Dawnbreakers Golf Club since 1977.

Max had great passion for this Club and exhibited a code of responsibility both to the Club and fellow members. Ever an advocate that the bowling strength in the Club was the mainstay; he initiated recognition of bowling achievements and thus laid the foundations for successful operation in the hospitality industry.

In recognition of his contribution Max was honoured with Life Membership August 22, 1976. Max continues to take an interest in Club matters and occasionally visits to socialize with old friends.

From the Constitution:- "Annual subscriptions shall be five guineas for ordinary members and social members; two guineas for associate members; for lady members, such an amount as is fixed from time to time by the Committee, in accordance with the Rule 4f."

Population for Engadine was estimated to be between 4000 and 5000.





Bill Sutherland, Greenkeeper at Sutherland Bowling club volunteered his expertise and time, cutting the Engadine green on Saturday mornings. Bill was rewarded by way of debentures for his assistance.

At the January, 1960 Committee Meeting it was decided to officially declare the 82 members listed in the original minutes of the General Meeting as Foundation Members, subject to the payment of the required fees. It was also agreed the Executive plus 3 attend to matters pertaining to the takeover from the Leagues Club.

100 men and 33 women had joined by June 30, 1960. However, 8 had not paid the required fees, which left a total of 125 Foundation Members.

In February, 1960 the ladies formed the initial Women's Auxiliary Committee:

President: Phyllis Kavanagh

Senior vice President: Mary Mackie

Secretary: Joan Spiller

Treasurer: Edith Morrison

Sub Committee: Noreen Blewett, Shirley Emtage, Neita Loneragan, Barbara Sloan.

In July 1960, the first Engadine Women's Bowling Club Committee was elected as follows:

President: Millicent Corry

Vice Presidents: Mary Mackie and Rita Oliver

Secretary: Jessie Fortey

Treasurer: Edith Morrison



Initially, the ladies played in mufti with the men on Sundays.

July 14, 1960 16 ladies applied for affiliation with the NSW Women's Bowling Association. Affiliation was granted September 8, 1960. There were then 30 Foundation Members of Engadine Women's Bowling Club.

An offer was made to Manly Vale Bowling Club to purchase a bar, temprete and fittings. This was accomplished at a cost of one hundred pounds, trucked to Engadine and installed.



In August, 1960 the committee met with building tradesmen and received advice regarding the necessary extensions and alterations to the clubhouse. It was decided the project could be achieved using voluntary labour at an approximate cost of eight hundred pounds.

Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club consistently supported the Engadine Lions Club. Engadine Lions received its charter February 26, 1960 and became the 156th club in Australia. Lions have made a huge impact in the district providing assistance to Kids with Cancer, Senior Citizens, Youth Centres and Youth Exchange Programmes, to name a few.



The Gynea Lily, a prominent native flower in the district, was chosen as the club emblem.



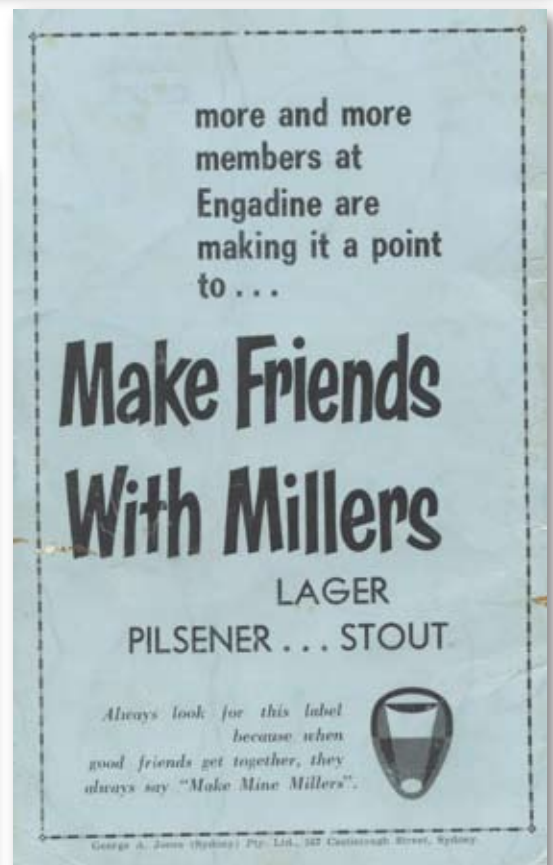
## 1961

The introduction of television made a huge impact on the Plaza Picture Theatre in the main street and it was forced to close. There had been a constant battle for patronage since it opened in 1955.

A decision was taken February 21 to restrict membership of the club to 150 – 110 male members and 40 female members.

Greens Report stated the green is showing too much growth and now required mowing daily.

Arrangements were made for the purchase of a pool table from the Leagues Club; the price was 100 pounds plus 75 pounds in debentures.



In May the Committee reported with pleasure – the Club is alive and well and headed in a positive direction despite cars bogging in the grounds; no outside ground staff; no seating for bowlers; no heating inside the club and not being able to cool the beer! The fortitude of the members was tested but prevailed.

Memberships increased in the “club on the edge of the bush”. Engadine was gaining in popularity by the month.

Assistance was sought from Millers Brewery in obtaining a liquor license. The license was granted in May 1961. At about the same time the Chief Secretary’s Department issued a license covering 6 poker machines.



In August the takeover negotiations with the former Leagues Club was completed successfully under the guidance of President Jack Kavanagh. Jack was recognised as a driving force during his term of office. With few exceptions, debenture holders transferred their loans from the Engadine District Leagues Club to the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club.

Ultimately, 1961 became one of the most significant years in the Club’s early history. The chook shed was converted into a comfortable clubhouse and a second green was installed. The second MILESTONE in the Club’s history.

Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club accepted the tag of THE FRIENDLY CLUB and shortly thereafter was recognized as THE TOP OF THE SHIRE – the mantle proudly worn to this day.

An excerpt from the Annual General Meeting: “Ladies may be admitted as restricted members only, as provided by ‘THE ROYAL’ and under the absolute control of the Committee.

Rita Melrose won the first Women’s Bowling Club Singles title. Rita continued her impressive bowling record with 24 Club championship wins; Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours.





*December, the Candid Camera crew visited our Engadine Women's Bowling Club enjoying their Christmas outing.*

## 1962

Donations were called for to assist in the provision of seating to the green surrounds. There was a pleasing response and on March 12 seats were installed on the green surrounds.

It was proposed in early 1962 that the club engage the services of a Secretary Manager. A motion was put but soundly defeated.

It was agreed to pay the Greenkeeper 30 pounds per week gross wage.

Excerpt from the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in August. No member shall hold the office of president for more than two years consecutively. That person may be re-elected following a break of 12 months from the last term of office.

Mr Bill Kay, President of the Royal New South Wales Bowling Association officially opened No.2 Green on August 30, 1962. Club President at the time was John Kavanagh.



Foundation member, Jim Oliver was elected President having previously served on various committees. This was the commencement of quite a story which will be told at a later time.

It was anticipated that men's twilight bowling would commence in the near future.

November 15, Women's Bowling Club President, Millicent Corry, hosted New South Wales Women's Bowling Association representative, Mrs. Barker, for the official opening of Engadine Women's Bowling Club. 24 clubs accepted invitations to attend this historic day. This was the forerunner of many successful occasions staged by our lady bowlers.

Apart from her commitments as Women's Bowling Club President, Millicent Corry was active in many local groups. Millicent Corry (nee Preston) was an Engadine resident from the early twenties. She started the first Engadine Boy Scouts Troop; was caretaker of the Institute Hall; President of the Senior Citizen's Group and was involved with Red Cross and the Crippled Children's Association. Millicent was awarded The Premier's Senior Citizens Award in 1983 – a truly remarkable woman.

## 1963

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An extract from the Women's Bowling Club President, Mavis Jeffrey's Annual Report: Special trophy days during 1963 included Grandfathers versus the Rest Day and a Friendship Day. This Friendship Day was the biggest ever trophy day in the Club's history to date, with an attendance of 107.

Early in 1963 it was agreed to install a 1000 gallon pump-out septic tank. At the same meeting the need for honour boards was the subject of discussion. Four boards were ordered so that records could be placed for the benefit of future members.

Patron, Frank Johnstone, initiated the installation of the overhead greens lighting system, unique in the metropolitan area.

Nett profit for the year ending June 30, 1963 was one thousand six hundred and forty one pounds and thirteen shillings. This put smiles on the faces of the members.

A Special Committee Report indicated 20 applicants for the position of Secretary Manager were received and 5 of those were interviewed.

Marion Griffiths was Women's Bowling Club Secretary 1961 / 62 and in 1963 was elected President, serving 2 years in that position.



Rita Melrose, Myrtle Harris and Louise Copp won their second back to back Club Triples Championship. This talented trio won the triples title 9 times, 7 of those in consecutive years.

A position not evident in 2009 is that of Badge Custodian. R. Morrison held that position and the collection at Engadine stood at 700. Badge collections were often made into colourful displays and featured in the clubhouse. Only very occasionally do we see evidence of this craft today.

When we look at the records we see the name of Ron Avis, having given 44 years of voluntary service to Lawn Bowls.

Ron began his bowling career with Engadine in 1963 and served on the Club Committee from 1964 to 1966. He then transferred to NSWRL (Waratah, Sutherland) Club, rejoining Engadine in 1990.

During those 44 years Ron's record of service include: Port Hacking District Match Committee and Chairman; Port Hacking District Vice President. Port Hacking and St. George Districts combined to create Zone 13 in 2003.

Following his return to Engadine Ron's positions were Vice President Men's Bowling Club and Chairman of Match. Ron has been a member of the Board of Directors for 14 years. It appears Ron has spent more hours working for Bowls than playing the game.



## 1964

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The downturn in gross profit at the close of 1963 gave cause for concern. This was clearly linked to increased license fees and poker machine taxes which were causing concern in the club industry. In particular this affects the position of clubs and their capacity to support local groups in need of financial assistance. Youth groups and those caring for the aged and needy rely heavily on the hospitality industry. The Club accountant recommended raising objections through the Registered Clubs Association.

The Men's Bowling Club entered two teams in the Pennant Competition, Port Hacking District – one in Grade 6 and one in Grade 7. Neither team won their Section but performed well overall.

President Sydney Fraser reported that despite this having been a good year there were areas which required attention. Expanding the entire operation of the Club is always a topic of conversation. However, obtaining funding to act upon these initiatives proved difficult. Both the President and the Treasurer emphasised the need for care when electing new committees and the need for clear vision for the future.

Land adjacent to No.2 Green was purchased and is a valuable acquisition to the premises and stood ready for expansion.

The Women's Bowling Club entered 2 teams in the Pennant Competition - No.3 Division. The 1's won their section and the 2's were runners up. An excellent result for this young and developing club, with great prospects for future years.



**ENGADINE BOWLING AND RECREATION CLUB**

ISSUE of Debentures to value of £5,000  
numbered 701 to 1,000  
For Improvements to Grounds, Clubhouse and Furnishings.

DEBENTURE No. <b>798</b>
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1. ENGADINE BOWLING AND RECREATION CLUB (hereinafter called the Club) will as and when the principal moneys hereby secured become payable in accordance with the conditions endorsed hereon pay to

of \_\_\_\_\_ or other registered holder for

the time being of this Debenture the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (£    /    /    )

together with interest thereon at the rate of Six Pounds (£6/0/0) per centum per annum payable annually until the date of repayment which shall be within Five years from the date of issue hereof.

2. This Debenture is issued subject to and with the benefit of the conditions endorsed hereon which are to be deemed part of it.

IN WITNESS whereof the Trustees of Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_.

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Trustees, Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club.

Debentures introduced into the Club's system provided an opportunity for members to show their support and commitment to the Club via cash investments. These investments to be rewarded with moderate interest returns of approximately 6% per annum for each debenture over 5 pounds. Millers Brewery provided start-up finance linked to the sale of their products. It was therefore necessary to repay Millers Brewery as soon as possible to enable our club to vary suppliers and better meet the needs of members.

The Engadine District News was first produced. It was published fortnightly on a Tuesday. Our local newspaper will celebrate 45 years continuous circulation in November, 2009. Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club congratulates and offers its continuing support.

## Engadine District News

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## 1965

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Port Hacking Group Chairman Syd Russell carried out the “Switching On” ceremony for the opening of night bowls at Engadine on January 28. Another early MILESTONE along the 50 year road at Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club.

The Committee Report of March 31 showed the profit for the previous nine months exceeded 2 thousand pounds – due to very steady trading and great patronage.

Popular Head Barman, George McGarry resigned to move interstate.

In September George Morris was employed as Head Steward. His wage at the time was 30 pounds per 40 hour week.

The new bar prices introduced in October were:

7oz beer	one shilling and two pence
10oz beer	one shilling and six pence
15oz beer	two shillings
1 pint beer	two shilling and eight pence
1 can beer	two shillings and four pence
1 bottle beer	three shillings and eight pence
1 bottle stout	three shillings and nine pence
1/2 scotch	one shilling and three pence

M.Hawke commenced as Greenkeeper in November on a wage of 25 pounds per week, with a review in 3 months. He was offered 3 weeks leave without pay at the end of March, 1966 (provided he found a suitable replacement).

Mavis Jeffrey was Secretary of the Women’s Bowling Club 1963/64 and followed by becoming President in 1965/66. Mavis applied herself to her tasks and actively participated in and enjoyed her bowling.

The social event of the year was the Annual Ball with all the trimmings, held at Heathcote RSL Club building. This function created great excitement for members and pleased the Social Committee with its success. Great attendance and catering, enjoyable dance band and generous prizes resulted in this event being marked for next year’s calendar.

No.1 Green had been operating almost 8 years without any technical attention. Major work was carried out knowing it may take up to 3 years before corrections returned it to an excellent bowling surface. With No.2 Green also in need of improvement, limited playing space had some repercussions.

Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club applied for and received a license to keep and operate poker machines.

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GAMING AND BETTING ACT, 1912, AS AMENDED

## LICENSE TO KEEP, USE AND OPERATE POKER MACHINES

IN pursuance of the provisions of Part IIIA of the Gaming and Betting Act, 1912, as amended, I, the undersigned, do hereby grant unto the

ENGADINE BOWLING AND RECREATION Club  
a license to keep, use and operate on the premises of the said club situate at  
63 Cambrai Avenue, Engadine  
poker machines of the numbers and classes set out hereunder:—

No. of Machines	Class of Machines
<u>Three (3)</u>	Sixpence
<u>Four (4)</u>	One Shilling
<u>Two (2)</u>	Two Shillings
<u>One (1)</u>	One Penny

**SEE ENDORSEMENT ON BACK**

This license is issued subject to the provisions of Part IIIA of the Gaming and Betting Act, 1912, as amended, and to payment of the amount of license tax shown hereon within the time prescribed by Section 50E of such Act\*. Unless sooner suspended or cancelled this license shall remain in force until the thirtieth day of June, 1966.

\* Section 50E provides that the tax shall be payable within three months after the date from which the license and each renewal thereof takes effect.

Chief Secretary.

Date 1st July 1965

### LICENSE TAX:

Machines at £	8.6.8	=	£	8.6.8
Machines at £	50.0.0	=	£	150.0.0
Machines at £	100.0.0	=	£	400.0.0
Machines at £	500.0.0	=	£	1000.0.0
Total Tax			£	<u>1558.6.8</u>

payable on or before 1st October 1965.

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## 1966

From the records dated January 20, 1966: "Notice is hereby given a motion will be presented February 10, 1966 to revise the Constitution so that all amounts of money shown as pounds, shillings and pence, to be altered to decimal currency".

Pennant players competing at away matches are now required to pay 4 shillings, collected by the No.2 player and handed to the home club on return.

From "The Royal" – no player, except with permission of the executive of The Royal shall play bowls on a green of an affiliated club at any time, unless wearing long trousers.

Social members interested in becoming bowlers are allowed 6 roll ups, not more than 2 hours each, under the supervision of a competent bowler.

Motion put at the Annual General Meeting:

"An addition to Rule 21(e) and 21(f) A bowls register shall be kept by the Bowls Secretary giving details of all members' bowls, e.g., member's name, make, colour, size, insignia and A.B.C. Stamp". The motion was lost and the Secretary breathed a sigh of relief!

Fred Cully was elected President and served 1966/67. Fred urged members with special gifts in organisational skills to take up Committee positions. Fred stressed the benefits to the Club when active members involved themselves, particularly during the developing years.

Engadine gets its first fire engine! Engadine Fire Station was officially opened and staffed by Captain West and 14 volunteer fire fighters, working a Bedford/Braidwood fire engine (pictured). The station was upgraded in 1979 with a Station Officer and 2 men per shift, with volunteers all retained and available 24 hours a day.



Confirming the trend from the previous year, the Club continues to grow steadily. If this growth continues as expected, consideration must be given to building a new and larger clubhouse.

An amendment to the Liquor Act allows turkeys and chickens to be given out as prizes provided they are not advertised as such. Notwithstanding, the Hanleys and McGarrigles planned to enjoy their "birds" won in the mixed 4's event!



The recently installed overhead green lighting was considered a huge bonus to lawn bowling. Twilight and evening bowls is very quickly gaining in popularity at Engadine.

At the Annual General Meeting a motion was carried to the effect that honorariums be paid to Secretary \$200 per annum, Treasurer \$200 per annum, Bowls Secretary \$200 per annum and a \$200 allowance for the President.

The Annual Ball suffered a loss of \$60. 120 were catered for with only 83 attending.

In response to the need for funding, the Women's Bowling Club, the Chook Run Group and the Football Pool Group each contributed \$100, assisting the Social Committee to lay the much needed new floor in the clubhouse.

Myrtle Harris was elected President of the Women's Bowling Club, the 4th lady to hold that position. As with her predecessors, Myrtle worked very hard at the helm of the Ladies Club and continued with her passion for bowling. Myrtle recorded 4 Club championship wins in the 4's and 9 victories in the Triples.

Foundation members Muriel Roberts was honoured with Life Membership for her selfless contribution, ever willing to assist with any task and with the personality to co-opt others into joining to lighten the work load.

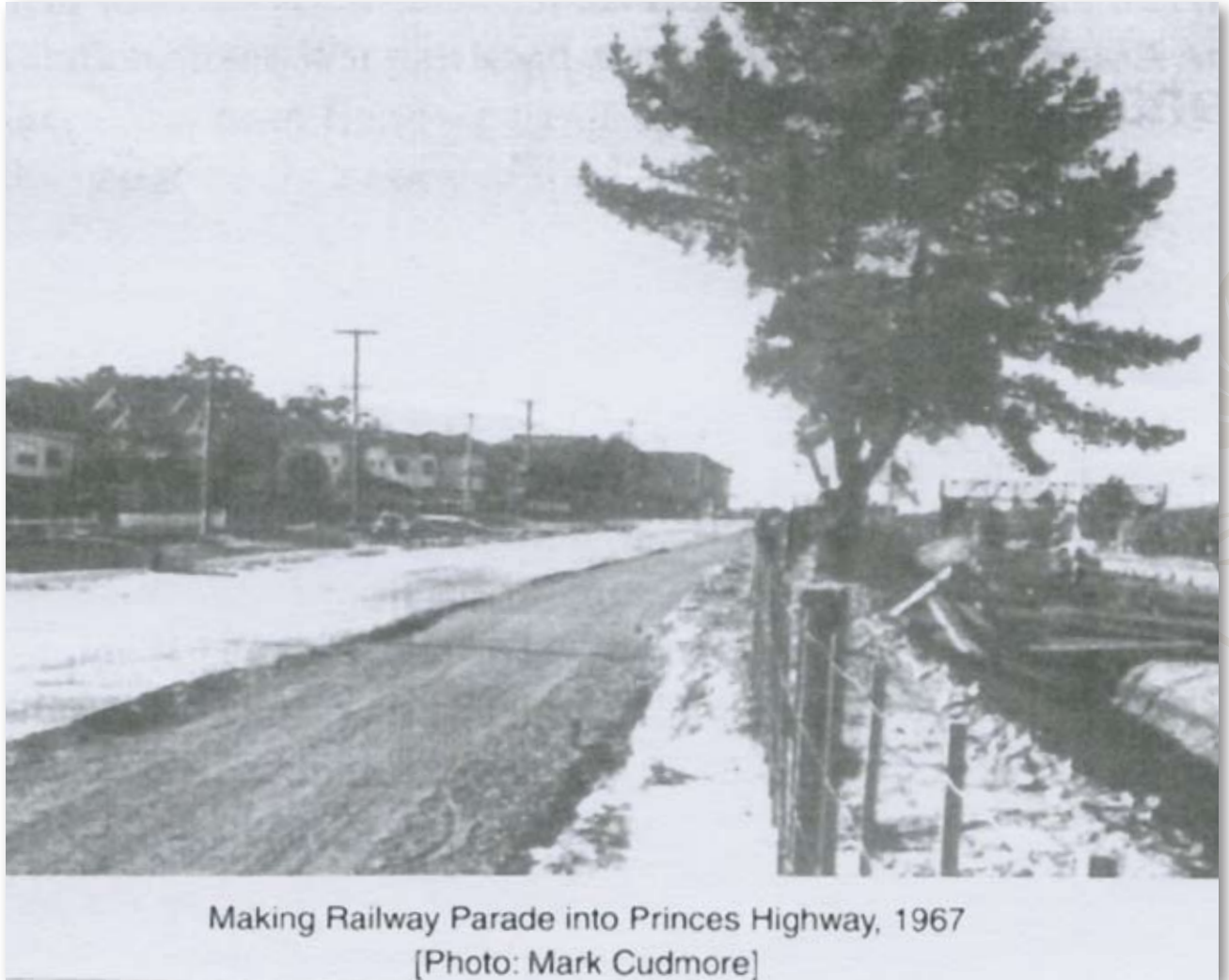
Louise Copp triumphs again in the Major Singles as well as the Triples and Fours. Obviously this lady had an abundance of bowling talent.

The Annual Finance Report disclosed a moderate profit for end of year trading. In the face of considerable cost increases this was pleasing news, particularly when expansion seems necessary in the not too distant future.

Laurie Duval has a claim to fame. Laurie is our "most senior lady" currently somewhere in her 90's. Laurie has had a great commitment to bowls. She was a member of NSWWBA for 17 years. Laurie transferred to Engadine in 1997 and served on Sutherland District in various positions for 12 years. At Engadine Laurie has been Vice President, Chair of Match and is currently on

Selection. Blended into this outstanding record of service are countless titles. Laurie still enjoys the game and is a committed competitor.

A Committee decision in September decreed that Social Members may not exceed 80% of the total number of full members.



*A photograph of the early stages of work on the highway by-passing Engadine shopping centre.*

## 1968

Andy Pascoe and Don Short joined the club and both played very active but different roles in the Club.

Australian boxer, Lionel Rose won the World Bantamweight Title by defeating Japan's Fighting Harada.

Throughout the years social committees receive lots of comment. Again this year the Social Committee proved their worth with attractive social functions. Several prawn nights, the New Year's Eve Revels plus the Children's Christmas Party at National Park were all outstanding successes.







Greenkeeper, Tom Pittman presented his comprehensive report for the Annual General Meeting after having been employed for only 9 months. Well deserved praise was directed to Tom for his application and quality of work.

General appraisal of the first decade of Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club's history indicated that enormous progress had been accomplished. The usual hard decisions made without fear or favour and the support of the membership in every aspect, augurs well for the future of the Club.

Club Auditor, Allan Williams has had a lengthy association with the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club dating back to his joining the Club in its early days and being elected

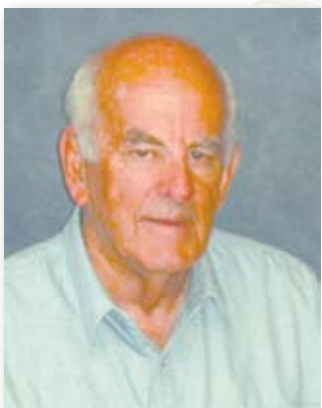
Club Auditor.

Recollections of bowling with mates and unforgettable

pungent odour of the Kalsomine paints used

to disguise the fragrance of the former occupants remain very clear with Allan, as do the major changes in 1959 to 1961 era.

Allan's close relationship is reflected in his dedication to duty and unfailing interest in the progress of the Club. His professional knowledge has aided in financial decision making.



*Pictured the Women's Bowling Club Endeavour Women's Inter-Club Triples Certificate.*



## 1969

This was Engadine's first crack at Metropolitan Pennants and 2 teams were entered in No.5 and No.7. Morrie Ting was a member of that 7's side and is pictured here at the flag raising. What's more, Morrie was a team member in another 7's pennant winning combination in 1991.

Still bowling well and representing in pennants Morrie has served this club admirably as Treasurer, Auditor for the Women's Bowling Club and other duties during his 43 year membership.

George Smith was actively involved during the initial 10 years and elected Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club President, highlighting the close of the Club's first decade.

Engadine Branch Library was welcomed into the community when it opened in Station Street. It provided a great service and reference centre for the Engadine community.

It was decided to enter 2 teams in the Metropolitan Pennant Season – one team in Grade 3 and one in Grade 6.

An interesting comparison – the 10th Annual Report and Balance Sheet comprised 16 pages and recorded 313 financial members. The 1999 Annual Report consisted of 38 pages and recorded 3200 financial members.

Ed Brownscombe, a member since 1969, advertised in and co-sponsored annual reports from 1966 until





1976, one of the earliest sponsors for the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club. Brownscombe's Menswear has served the Engadine community for half a century – all be it with several new owners. The store continues to trade effectively as Brownscombes.

Millers Brewery assisted Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club to become established during its early years of operation. Their financial support was judiciously managed and the Millers loan fully paid up in 1969. The Club became a freehold property, marking another significant MILESTONE in the 50 year journey.

No.2 Green was in need of complete renovation. The tender submitted by Merrett and Wells for \$2000 was accepted.

One small step for Man - one giant step for Mankind - first man to walk on the moon.

Pele scores his 1000th goal!!!

## 1970

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The Committee approached George Morris with an offer to become the Bar Manager. His weekly wage was \$75 plus overtime.

Numerous meetings had debated the possibility of construction of new clubhouse. In August 3 tenders were submitted for consideration.

They were:

B.S.J.S Constructions, completion 16 weeks.	\$61,491.75
Carrington & Marsh, completion 20 weeks.	\$80,337.00
F.G. Coben, completion 26 weeks.	\$86,560.00

Shortly thereafter, the Club received a quote from:

K. M. Steele and Associates, 16 weeks.	\$53,180.00
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This tender was accepted.

Dulcie Hilliar was elected President, Women's Bowling Club in 1970. An active and keen bowler, Dulcie found time to enjoy her bowling along with her duties as president. It has often been said that focus required to preside in any organization detracts from the focus of personal achievement and this could apply to Dulcie as she was runner up in the Major Singles twice.

Our neighbours, the Engadine Sports Centre was formerly the Engadine Squash Courts which opened this year. Owned and operated by Bob and Dawn Martin, this popular couple were proud parents to several State and Australian Squash Champions and in the case of Rodney and Michelle,



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World Champions. Dawn (nee Robberds) was an Australian junior tennis champion and played in the same era as Leslie Turner. The Martins moved to Queensland in 1980.

Financial statements presented at the Annual General Meeting indicated significant increases in Club revenue. Numerous meetings were held to consider undertaking building improvements. Several plans were developed and presented to Sutherland Council. Inexplicable lack of response led to periods of frustration hampering all development projects.

In the good news department, the recently completed restoration of greens and sealing of the carpark area was finalized at an estimated cost of \$5000.

Men's Bowling Club Singles Champion was S.Hill. The Women's Bowling Club Singles Champion was M.McGarrigle.

## 1971

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Dunedoo Bowling Club contacted Engadine with an invitation to visit their town and play bowls. The host club were prepared to welcome unlimited numbers and also offered to billet their Engadine guests.

The Committee decided that championship games would not be played during holiday weekends.

February 22 – a meeting of subscribers to the Memorandum of Association was conducted to receive advice from the Club Solicitor relating to the Club's growth, together with greater areas of responsibility shouldered by Committees. The basis of this advice was a recommendation and requirements for forming the Club into a Company under the Companies Act, 1961.

Secretary, Max Lombe produced a Certificate of Incorporation stating in brief, persons appointed to the Committee shall be deemed to be Directors of the Company. This required acknowledgement forms to be prepared and signed by all members of the Committee.

This action marked a significant MILESTONE in Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club's history.

Excavations for the new building commenced June 7 and the foundations were poured 2 days later. The completion date for the project was late September.

The Bowling Committee was pressing the Port Hacking Group to host Group matches at Engadine and was assured this request would be favourably received.

Treasurer's Report at the end of June indicating healthy bank balance, created the opportunity to pay out all outstanding debentures, totaling \$3,500.



Saturday, October 29, Doug Braddock President of the Royal New South Wales Bowling Association officially opened the new clubhouse. This was the culmination of extensive planning, much determination and the odd headache and a total cost of \$71,000. Undoubtedly the new building was welcomed by the members and influenced many more to join the Club. President George Smith was glowing in his praise for the untiring teams of committeemen.

Engadine Ladies repeated the great form of 1968 by again winning the Endeavour Women's Trophy with the same team of R.Melrose, L.Harris, L.Copp.

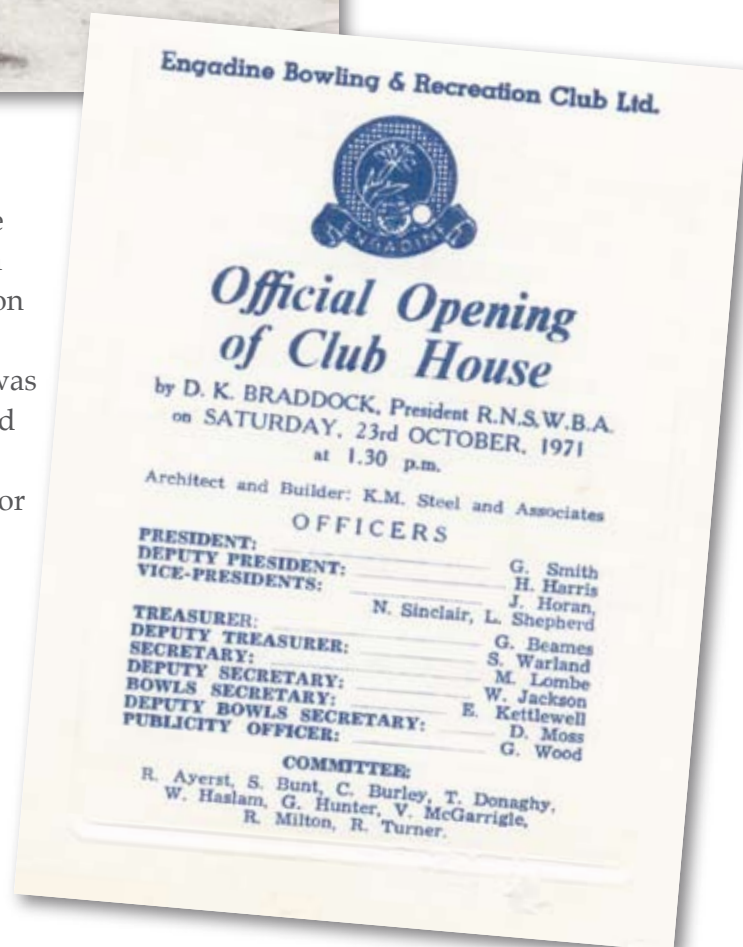
Building Committee report in September indicated the bank had not paid the builders an amount of \$3000 progressive payment.

A stop work action was pending until this matter received urgent action without loss of time.

The Ladies enjoyed a very successful year and the highlight for President Dulcie Hilliar occurred during her President's Day when Life Membership was awarded to good friend and foundation member Edith Morrison.

For the first occasion since the inauguration of the Port Hacking Group, Engadine was chosen to host the semi-finals of the Group 4's Championships and were congratulated for the smooth operation and quality of the greens.

Chips Rafferty, the veteran actor from Broken Hill whose real name was John Goffage, died at 62 of a heart attack.



Friday night mixed bowls began on January 7.

Glen Mathers and Roger Gordon, travelling companions for their daily journey to work joined the Club on February 21. These two have a long and interesting history with the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club. Although not an active bowler these days, Glen is a regular and always has a story to tell. Glen served on numerous committees and continues to keep the bowling records books up to date. For his many years of continuous service Glen Mathers was honoured with Life Membership in August, 1996.

Ever increasing workloads saw a well earned increase in honorariums. President, Secretary, Treasurer and Bowls Secretary were given \$400 each annually.

Dulcie Cato was elected President of the Women's Bowling Club in 1972 and served a one year term.

Anzac Day celebrations were very successful and it was recommended these celebrations be organized for future years.

George Smith was re-elected President for a further 12 months.

Mentioned in a report from "The Royal" PROFESSIONAL BOWLS IS DEFINITELY OUT.

The possibility of developing a Club Newsletter was raised.

In October, the Deputy Secretary, M.Northey put the question of forming a 'club within the club', this club to be known as Engadine Flying Bowlers. It appears this suggestion was not pursued at that time and another decade passed before the matter was raised again.

From the President's Report to the Annual General Meeting – The new building has been responsible for huge changes in the Club's activities and trading which increased beyond all expectations. With two top class greens and surrounds, the outside areas of the Club are very appealing. Tom Pittman and his apprentice Greenkeeper Don Wenman were congratulated.

An issue developed between the builder and his sub-contractors which escalated to the point where the Club Solicitors were called to assist in settling the matter.

The Ladies Bowling Club were pleased to invite the NSW Women's Bowling Association President Mrs B.Vincent to attend the official opening of the extensions.

A disturbing report from Secretary Max Lombe outlined the first debit bank balance since the foundation of the Club. Industrial trouble in the liquor trade, a big increase in staff wages, combined to make the year a difficult one. Further to that, the downturn was worsened by the lack of enthusiasm on the part of the Games Committee. The result was a large drop in attendance which impacted on green fees and trading.







## Engadine Dawnbreakers Social Golf Club History

*It all started with a bunch of drinking mates interested in an occasional game of golf. Initially they gathered at the Engadine Pub, however, the pub insisted they administer any social club operating out of their premises, so they moved to the RSL. The same situation existed at the RSL so they moved to the Bowling Club.*

*In 1972 the Dawnbreakers was reconstituted with foundation members, Bill Moss, Ray Milton, George, Fred and Ray Bert, Des Beames, Ken Oliver, Bill Coates, Bernie Fuller and Alf Tarman amongst them. By mid 1970's John Philip, Brian Marsh, Brian Langston and Graham Kemp had joined the club.*

*Some of the courses played in those early days were Kirkam Lane, Eastlakes, New Brighton, Glenmore, Penrith, and Leonay. The regular courses were Kareela, Studley Park (Camden) and Country Rugby League (Narellan). Bus trips were organised to Springwood, Katoomba, Leura, Wentworth Falls, Royal Bowral, Moss Vale and Kiama. The photo brings back memories of a BBQ at 19th at Salisbury (now Kareela).*

*Our annual weekend away venues were varied with Vincentia, Mollymook, Mittagong/Moss Vale, Bowral and Wentworth Falls.*

*In June, 1974 we began an annual competition against The Rat Pack which operated out of the Como Hotel. They were very social days with schooners of draught beer being delivered in buckets on many holes around the course – and that was before the 19th hole BBQ!*

*Long Term Commitments – The greatest strength of the Dawnbreakers Golf Club is the commitment and input of members providing a great social and golfing environment.*

*Local identities who served on Dawnbreakers Committees included Don Cranston, Neville Younger, Don Short, Jeff Gearsides, Les Wrightson, Col Pentecost, Ray Corridan, Barry Bartlett, Bob Watt, Jim Young,*

*Peter Fitzgerald, Bill Coates, John Thomas, Phil Heffernan and Kevin Hamer. Ken Oliver was very supportive as our Patron for many years.*

*Many current players have been playing with us continually for in excess of 20 years. Amongst them are Jim Dredge, Stuart Plush, Len Fields, Peter Bowden, Bob Tarman, Steve Membrey, Peter Glasson, John Hutchens, Col Green, Glenn and Greg Langston, Ray Hands, John Blomfield and Bob Harvey.*

*Invaluable Contributions— Nothing could be written in this area without acknowledging the 38 year involvement of Bert Beames. Bert provided monthly prizes; he introduced and paid for caps for annual winners and held many positions on committee and is serving on the current committee. Brian Marsh has held many positions on committee since 1980.*

*We also acknowledge the contribution of our Life Members:*



*John Philip – 2 years as Club Captain, 15 consecutive years as President and during the formative years provided the foundation of the Club we have today. He had the greatest influence on the culture of the Club and was revered by each and every member.*

*Bill Moss – one of the drivers behind the foundation of the Club and a real character. Bill was President for a year and Club Captain for 19 consecutive years.*



*Brian Langston – such was Brian's dedication that even after he ceased playing, in his position as Handicapper/Historian, he left his wife Rhonda at their holiday home at Coff's Harbour and returned to Sydney for the Thursday night Committee Meeting and the golf on Sunday – before returning on the Monday. That says it all.*

*Fred Beames – a Foundation Member who took on the Secretary's role. In the 2nd year of the Dawnbreakers and set the foundation for our fixture card over the following 6 years. He stepped in as President for 2 years when needed and held many positions on Committee. A real good bloke.*

*Graham Kemp - has been on Committee since 1978 and was Secretary for 6 years, President for 6 years and a passionate supporter of the golfing and social ideals that the Dawnbreakers have evolved from.*

*Harry Membrey – a long time Committee member and now in his 2nd stint in the 10th year as President. Harry's anecdotes enhance every golf presentation.*

*Steve Oxford - having taken on the most onerous task in the Club, that of Secretary - is now in his 22nd year in the job. Despite increasing demands from other social clubs on golf courses Steve continues to come up with great fixture cards.*

*Stability – Many members claim the Dawnbreakers is the greatest Social Golf Club they have been associated with. For example: (a) There have been only 7 Presidents in the 38 years since 1972 and 3 of those held the post for 31 years; (b) George Beames was the inaugural Treasurer.*

*Subsequently Don Cranston had 18 consecutive years, John Hutchens for 3 years and now Dave Farquhar is in his 18th year – a tremendous effort, not only for the length of tenure but the professional, detailed and accurate reporting. Up until 1995 only John Philip and Bill Moss had occupied the Captain's chair. This was followed by Stuart Plush, Steve Jones and Greg Langston for 4 year stints with Greg now in his 2nd year. Such as been the stability at the top for the Dawnbreakers Social Golf Club.*

*Competitions – The most prestigious event held is the Annual Match Play. The winner's name is engraved on the John Philip Memorial Trophy and the Honour Board. He is also presented with a golf bag by our*





*Patron Ray Jago. Ray was the inaugural winner of the Match Play Championship in 1976, playing Fred Beames at the Bankstown Golf Club. The "A" and "B" Grade Championships are awarded on an aggregate of all stableford points scored during the year. We play an annual 4 Ball Event with the 1st round on our October bus trip and the 2nd round on the subsequent month. The other prestige event is the Brian Langston Bowling Club Award which is based on the best aggregate score over 5 different courses during the year.*

*Winners – It is amazing how many different winners there have been. The most capped golfer is Stuart Plush who has won 5 Match Plays and 6 "A" Grade Championships. Graham Kemp has won 3 Match Plays and 2 "A" Grades Championships. John Philip won only 1 Match Play but captured 4 "A" Grades. Greg Langston has won 2 Match Plays, brother Glenn 2 "A" Grades while Steve Oxford has won 2 of each event plus a "B" Grade. Bert Beames has won 1 of each. Both Steve and Bert are in the final 8 this year. Geoff Blomfield has won 2 "B" Grade Championships with Harry Membrey bagging 1 and then 2 4Ball events. Ken Rhodes has won a Match Play and a "B" Grade and is still alive this year.*

*An annual Interclub event is held between the Dawnbreakers, the RSL Golf Club and the Engadine Hotel Golf Club (Dragons).*

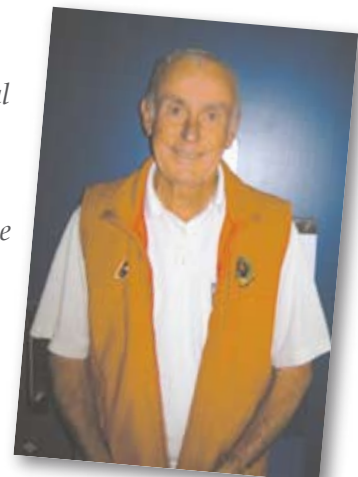
*Affiliation - with the licensed club took place in 1995. Every member is required to be a financial member of the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club.*

*Constitution – Graham Kemp, Brian Langston, Dave Farquhar and John Hutchens drafted the Constitution which was adopted an extraordinary general meeting in 1996.*

*Honour Board – in 1996 a proposal was put to the Board of Directors to erect an honour board for the Dawnbreakers in the snooker room. We appreciated the contribution made by the Board to share the cost and the initial signwriting.*

*Reunion – at the 1997 Xmas Presentation Day we have a 25 year Reunion with about 30 ex players joining us for the luncheon. It was a fabulous day and we may have a 40 year reunion to consider in a couple of years.*

*Thanks to Graham Kemp for this comprehensive and informative history*





## 1973

In January the Ladies Bowling Club Executive reported some of their members experienced difficulties purchasing drinks and requested portion of the bar be set aside for bowlers.

The Social calendar read in part as follows:

March 31	Prawn and Chicken Night, tickets \$2.50 each. Doug Denhams's Band
April 18	Engadine Scouts Fashion Parade
May 4	St.John Bosco Fashion Parade
May 5	Engadine Women's Bowling Club Cabaret Night Doug Denham's Band
May 26	St.John Bosco Cabaret with band.

Flora Mossop was elected Treasurer of the Women's Bowling Club in 1972 and became President in 1973/74. Flora returned to the Committee as Treasurer for a further 3 years always presenting immaculate records.

End of Pennant Season Picnic Supper Dance was held on May 19. There was no charge for bowlers and their wives. However, bookings were required at 20c per person.

THE TOP OF THE SHIRE MEN'S TRIPLES TOURNAMENT was introduced at Engadine in February. The Men's Bowling Club conceived the notion of a twilight/evening tournament with worthwhile prize money. This innovative tournament attracted quality bowlers from the Shire and those prepared to travel.

Since the inception of TOP OF THE SHIRE, lighting and the caliber of competition has escalated remarkably. This event is also very popular with spectators enjoying the bowling in the comfort of the Club. Australian and State representatives were regularly listed in the nominations.

The Men's Bowling Club is quietly proud of all who are involved in planning and conducting this event. Another MILESTONE in our history.



*GIO Sponsors  
Representative*



*Renowned sporting identities of the Sutherland Shire, Manglesdorf  
Brothers and Fred Pengelly*



*World Champion Tony Allcock congratulating winners*



*T.O.S. Trophies*

Some of the winners:

Inaugural winners – K.Guthrie, R.Whitney, R.Pearson

1982: Les and Herb Manglesdorf with Fred Pengelly

1990: World Singles Champion Tony Allcock presented the winners' trophies to a trio of greenkeepers – C.Ridge, B.Benson, J.Cearns

1987: Ken Oliver, Roger Henson and Jim Dwyer

1992/3: Jim McHugh, Allan Smith and John Hewson

1996: Ken Oliver, Roger Henson and Jim Dwyer

The largest field to compete was 96 teams with 288 players.

The event was not played in 1998 due to complaints from nearby residents re the lighting.

Rotary Club of Engadine commenced as a provisional club on March 12 with a territory stretching from Stanwell Park to Loftus. This club has conducted their meetings at The Bowlo for many years.

Among the highlights this year were visits from Shoalhaven, Fraternity, Helensburgh and a first time visit from Kemp's Creek.

## 1974

In February, 1974 the Social Committee felt the strict dress code was causing the lack of support for the planned Chicken and Seafood Night, with entertainment, at a cost of only \$2.00 each.

Women's Bowling Club auxiliary was required to cater for bowlers Tuesday, Saturdays and Sundays. It was recommended a lady be employed for that duty.

Foundation member Jack Mackie was presented with his Life Membership badge at the Annual General Meeting. Jack was almost too speechless to respond.

Members requested additional amenities, dart boards and indoor bowls mats. These requests were quickly attended to.

Sid Warland was elected President of the Men's Bowling Club for a 3 year term.

Ken Johnson and Bill Jackson began their first terms of office. Ken was Deputy President and Bill was Bowls Secretary. In 2009 these 2 share the collective total of 89 years membership. Their friendship and enthusiasm for bowling and the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club has not waned with time.

There were 180 names on the membership books and the Men's Bowling Club had teams competing in the 4's, 5's and 7's Pennants. The 7's were Section winners, however, Auburn RSL were the victors in the Post Section stage of the event.

Women's Bowling Club President, Flora Mossop insisted on replacing her President's Day by recognising the Secretary Anne Daly and Bowls Organiser Thelma Warland. The members responded accordingly, resulting in a splendid day with the 2 guests of honour overwhelmed by the occasion.

Women's Bowling Club No.3 Pennant Team reached the finals and Louise Copp was winner of the Major Singles.

Men's Bowling Club No.4 Pennant Team won through to the final of the metropolitan competition by winning their sectional games 9 to 1. The Matherson Shield was not played due to a very lengthy spell of bad weather.

The year was a disappointing one for the Social Committee with attendances falling off resulting in financial losses. A sad reflection on the huge efforts those volunteers expend for the benefit of all the members.



## 1975

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The Club's first film night was held April 3 and was plagued with problems. Determining the best night for showing and the increase in costs of hiring films sealed the fate of this attempt to provide entertainment for members.

Ann Daly was elected President of the Women's Bowling Club and proved to be a diligent worker and popular administrator.

Permission was sought and granted for Engadine High School students to have bowling tuition from Peter White on Wednesday afternoons.

Due to the increasing cost of hiring a band, no functions were planned for Christmas or New Year. It was suggested the funding for those occasions be directed towards purchasing a full sized billiard table.

Embracing the period 1962 to 1982, Foundation Member, Louise Copp, won the Major Singles on 9 occasions and a total of 40 Club titles and 2 Endeavour Triples. Louise also served as Women's Bowling Club Vice President, Treasurer, Selector, Bowls Organiser and Social Committee Chairman.



Not surprising, Louise Copp was rewarded with Life Membership of the Women's Bowling Club on December 11.

Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club was recognised as a great venue for social functions, presentation nights, etc. Saturday Night Dances were held regularly and bookings for other associations were increasing. The Club's Annual Dinner, end of year functions and awards presentation nights resulted in patronage at rewarding levels.

## 1976

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The Squash Courts owners threatened legal against the Club. Poor drainage in our grounds was causing flooding of their premises. The matter was resolved with voluntary labour installing a new drainage system and underground holding tank at the rear of the courts in the Club's parking area.

Engadine No.4 Metropolitan Pennant Team won their Section and Post Section followed by the Round Robin, with wins over Greenlees Park, Belfield and Seaforth. Merrylands won the final 84 to 80 in a great match.

During the summer months there was growing concern about the lack of support for mixed bowls days. Both the Men's and Ladies' Committees developed plans to boost these previously popular events.

Ann Daly's President's Day was a huge day. There were 28 visiting clubs in attendance. As always the planning of the formal and social activities was carried out to perfection.

It was a year of many working bees. President Syd Warland expressed his appreciation for the volume of manual labour blended with technical knowledge which was provided. The response to the call for assistance was a true reflection of the esteem the members held for their President.



THEY SAID IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN - but it did. Following 33 years on air, the ever popular Blue Hills played its last episode. On September 30, Queenie Ashton spoke the last words - in episode number 5795!

Membership was 370 at June 30:- 79 Ladies, 3 Life Members, 157 Ordinary Members, 130 Social Members and 1 Associate Member.

Women's Bowling Club was warmly acknowledged for their assistance to the Men's Bowling Club in their fund raising activities. These were Fathers' Day, Presidents Days and Charity Days and funds raised were for the aged and lonely residents in the district.

The Women's Bowling Club Pennant No.2 Team reached the final.

The employment of female bar staff was the subject of protracted discussions. A motion was put and carried that females will be employed to tend the bar, despite the objections from the Bar Manager, George Morris.

It has been repeatedly stressed that there is a real need for every area of the Club to operate effectively in order to achieve maximum results. Club members responded to the warning and this was evident in the satisfying trading results for the year.

## 1977

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Ken Rhodes joined the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club in April. Ken is a keen sportsman with a wide range of interests. The Club purchased a full size snooker table and Ken was an active member of the Snooker Club being the inaugural winner of the Starlight Trophy. Ken became President of the Snooker Club for several years.

Ken is also a golfer and a regular with the Dawnbreakers Golf Club. He also plays Pennants in the higher grades. Ken has been a member of the Board of Directors over the past 15 years.

The Women's Bowling Club Gala Day in March was an outstanding success. There were 120 ladies attending and this event celebrated the 16th Birthday of the Women's Club. President Ann Daly congratulated Joyce Sandry, Hazel Yewdall and Doreen Bardsley on their consistency particularly in club championships.

Dress regulations and the comfort of members has been a topic of debate since the inception of club life. At Engadine this matter, together with increasing memberships, required the employment of a doorman. This was necessary to monitor correct application of licensing laws and dress regulation.

The Men's Bowling Club No.5 Pennant Team reached the semi-final the No.2's battled all season against very experienced opposition. The 7's played very well and augurs well for the 1978 season.



The former Social Committee was renamed the House Committee with additional responsibility and greater scope. The team responded to the challenge and Club members were rewarded with a variety of social functions and entertainment which was well supported.

A pair of Roy's won the Men's Bowling Club Singles – Roy Grover the Major Singles and Roy Cameron the Minor Singles.

Lively debate occurred when the admission of 18 year olds as members was brought to the table. The current Articles didn't allow for this to happen, however the Law recognised 18 year olds as adults. The Club was required to amend the Articles and a motion to that effect was passed. This resulted in significant change to Club operations and administration and is another milestone in the Club's history.

Ernest Hanley was elected 10th President of Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club serving from 1977 to 1979. Hard working and a very keen bowler, Ern led the teams of committees with energy and enthusiasm which was recognized and appreciated by the members.

## 1978

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Moves to establish a Catholic high school in Engadine began in 1974 and continued until primary school enrolments reached a total of 800 pupils. Negotiations with Boys Town resulted in a suitable site being chosen and a campaign was launched to receive a building grant from the Government.

The school opened in 1978 with 76 pupils in Year 7. 20 years later the learning place for students out of Primary School had blossomed into the modern St.John Bosco College providing Tertiary education for students up to Year 12.

Men's Bowling Club Secretary and Publicity Officer, Viv Bourne wrote in excess of 200,000 words in his news sheets during this year alone. An enthusiast, eager to provide information to the members. Pictured are examples of Viv's efforts.





No doubt many of those former students are now members of the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club.

Gordon Wood won his 6th Club Singles Championship. The first win was 1968.

From the "Daily Mirror" July 21, 1978: Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club can boast of 2 families having 3 generations currently active in lawn bowls.

The Men's Bowling Club Committee decided to enter 3 teams in the Pennant Competition in Grade Nos.3,4,7.

A property in Bullecourt Avenue was purchased with the aim of providing safe entry /exit for the Club carpark. Several applications were submitted to Council for approval which was never forthcoming. The project was abandoned and the property sold.

It was decided to appoint an accountant to ensure the Club complied with the Act as outlined by the Registered Club's Association. Member and Club Auditor, Allan Williams was appointed.

## 1979

Early this year all the necessary information had been compiled to ensure computerisation of poker machines records. This is a requirement of State Treasury. Nutt and Middle recommended

the Club adopt the security measures as advised. This task was completed.

Eric Cooper, George Parkinson and Ray Blundell won The Top of the Shire Triples without losing a game

The retirement of Greenkeeper Tom Pittman after almost 15 years service resulted in the appointment of Keith Pickering. At the time of the 50 Year Celebrations Keith will have accumulated 30 years of loyal employment. Keith claims a Scott Bonner mower in use prior to his appointment is still regularly used. The total construction of No.3 green holds firm in Keith's memory. Some of his assistants over the years have been Mark Russell, David Sullivan, Dominic Verdun, Matt Sargeant, Craig Scott and David Ferguson.



*Greenkeeper: Keith Pickering*



Men's Bowling Club President, Rob Yewdall won the first of 2 successive Major Singles Championships. Rob made himself available for bowling in all varieties of events at the Club and was regarded as a popular and socially active President.

During the Club's 20th year the No.3 Pennant Team performed well to win their Section and won the Round Robin Play Offs



at Greenacre. They were narrowly beaten in the semi final by Dee Why who in turn were defeated by the State Champions, Brewarina.

Father Dunlea, Parish Priest of Sutherland commenced working for the care of boys and young men in 1939. Foundation stone of Boys Town was laid in 1941. Schooling was provided and trades taught to equip the students for adult life. Pictured is the Boys Town Bakery, well established, baking quality bread and turning out quality young men in 1979.

Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club News prepared by Viv Bourne on July 1 provided 5 pages of current Club information, bowling results, bowling rules and coaching tips for the benefit of members.

## 1980

The Club's 21st Birthday events in 1980 generated much excitement and enthusiasm. A committee led by President Rob Yewdall included Rex Bardsley, Bill Moss, Eddie Ring, Bert Miles, Viv Bourne, Ray Palatis and Roger Gordon. It was an outstanding success.

The first electric train service – City to Waterfall – commenced this year. Engadine finally had its electric train service.

It was necessary to have resuscitation equipment available and an Oxy Viva machine was purchased. Arrangements were made for staff to be trained in its correct use.

The beautiful bushland surrounding our District was ravaged by bushfires. 5 volunteer firemen perished at Waterfall in 1980 – a terrible tragedy.

Snooker and Billiards attracted many regular enthusiasts to our Club when it became known we had a full sized table. During the 1980s it was basically a social gathering of players enjoying the game and practicing their skills. It appears Brian Langston was in charge prior to the formation of a regular club. Dave Charker won the first Club Championship in 1980. Names like Neville Younger, Bob Tarman, John Thomas, Ray Boughton, Ron Knowles, Stuart Collins, Bill Moss, Andy Pascoe, Bill and Ian Hamilton, Kerry Jury, Keith Morton, Bob Hesford, Ernie Senior, Phil Hardie, David Tinsley will stir memories of this time.



*Winners of the 1980 Mixed 4's Championship, Mary Boyce, Mary Parker, John Ferguson and Fred Binskin.*





Long standing members Joan and Bill Jackson (pictured) won the Mixed Pairs in 1981 and again in 1986.

Specialist lighting expert, Kevin Hole was invited to address the Committee and discuss the possibility of floodlighting the greens.

*Women's Bowling Club past Presidents, Myrtle Harris, Thelma Warland, Dulcie Hilliar, Mavis Jeffrey and Ann Daly at the 21st Birthday celebrations.*



*All smiles from Mixed 4's Winners; Marge Fortuin, Gerry Fortuin, Hilda White and Sydney White.*



The Club Newsletter at that time contained 20 pages of information, news reports, humour and advice for the enjoyment of members, compiled by Peter de Jager.

Rita Oliver became the 10th President of the Engadine Women's Bowling Club and was a vital element in the "Oliver" contribution to the Club.



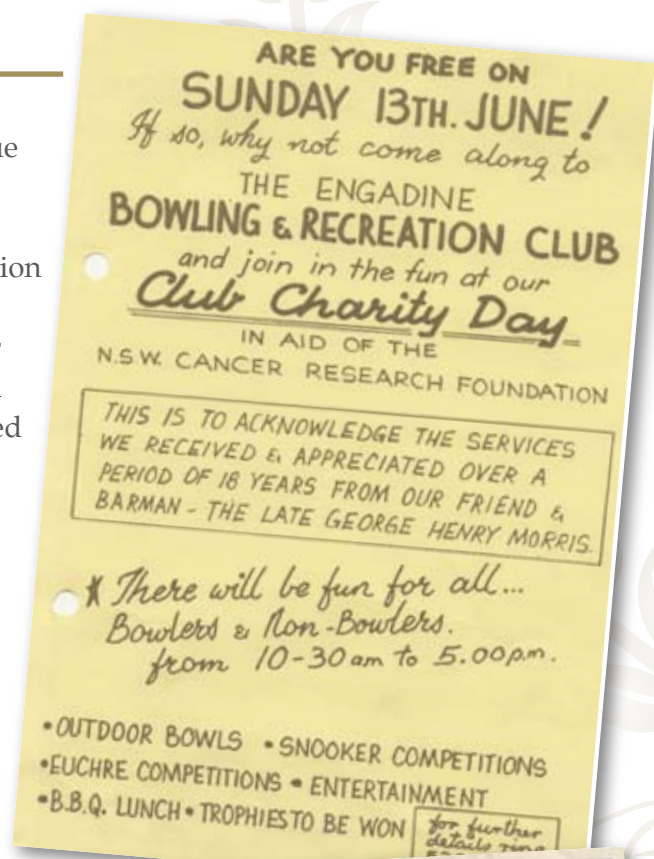
## 1982

Popular Bar Manager, George Morris resigned due to ill health after 17 years of great service to the Club. Sadly, George died in May. To honour his memory and acknowledge his personal contribution to the Club, a Charity Day with entertainment and a barbecue was held to raise funds for cancer research. Proceeds of one 20c poker machine and donations contributed to \$4,400. This was donated to Cancer Research in his name.

Engadine Women's Bowling Club was selected to host the Blue Mountains versus port Hacking District event. Our ladies hosted the day to perfection.

Pictured is the highly prized 8 Pin Certificate awarded to Ron Parkinson, Col Scrymore, Ivan Ballentine and Les Turner.

A special tribute was paid to Jack Mackie upon his resignation in 1982. Jack gave 23 years as an official and National Umpire. Spoken of in glowing terms, Jack was presented with an honorary umpires certificate and his badge returned. A special occasion for the Club.



*Kathleen Letherborrow, Maud Upcroft, Bess Morrison, Jean McKinnon, Rita Oliver and Bertha Blayden at President's Day in June.*



## 1983

In June, Allan Smith joined Engadine and it didn't take long for him to be successful. Allan won the Major Singles in 1984 and again in 1990. He was a member of the No. 3 winning Pennant Team in 1985 – the highest grade at that time. Allan teamed with Jim McHugh to win the Club Pairs in 1984, 1991, 1993, 1995 and 2001 as well as the Ray Mountain Memorial Pairs in 1996. He was successful in the Triples in 2002 and Fours in 1987, 1992, 1993. Allan was part of the Triples combination which won consecutive Top of the Shire Triples in 1992/3. Allan was also Snooker Club President in 1992/3.



Allan was a member of the victorious No.1 Pennant Team in 2003 which brought home the State Flag. 26 years since becoming a member Allan is still performing at the highest level.

In May the Women's Bowling Club members became eligible to become full members of the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club.

Kevin Hole whose area of business was specialising in sporting arena floodlighting was welcomed onto the Committee. His knowledge and expertise proved invaluable for the planned green lighting project.



Photographed is Bill Coates, the 12th President of Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club.

Winner of the Women's Major Singles Championship for the 4th time was Hazel Yewdall, wife of past Club President, Bob Yewdall.

Poker machine suppliers Ainsworth were requested to carry out their machine maintenance in accordance with the specifications laid down.

A tender for proposed clubhouse alterations was submitted by Osborne and Corda and accepted. Completion was estimated in 10 weeks.





THE FLYING / TOURING BOWLERS - When Cronulla Flying Bowlers discontinued in 1983, Bill Jackson and Ken Johnson pursued the notion of forming the Engadine Flying Bowlers. Possible towns were investigated and Coonabarrabran was selected as the first destination. An

identifying badge was designed; One DC3 aircraft chartered and 32 intrepid souls embarked for that initial trip at a cost of \$150.

During the next 15 years, Narromine, Lake Cargellico, Boggabri, Temora and several other NSW towns were visited. The last flying trip was to Young, the cherry centre, in 1999.

Bill Jackson resigned due to work commitments and Arthur McLean joined Ken at the helm. In 2000 it was no longer viable to fly due to the increased aircraft charter cost and coach became the mode of transport. The Engadine Touring Bowlers set out to Mudgee in 2002, followed by Queanbeyan, Bathurst, South Wagga, Batemans Bay and Cowra. Seats on the Coach are most sought after each year and it is a tribute to Bill, Ken and Arthur's commitment to organising these trips.

The Top of the Shire Men's Triples Tournament was another outstanding success when 48 teams played 4 nights per week for 3 weeks in February. The Top of the Shire Tournament demonstrated the need to obtain sponsorship for these events. Sponsorships require many hours of discussion and negotiation and to this end we thank Roger Gordon and Glenn Mathers for their efforts. The sponsors in 1984 were Greyhound Australia, Cripps



and Cripps, Belvedere Holiday Apartments, GEC, Tarcor Investments, Heathcote RSL, Engadine Earthenware Pipes. Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club was very grateful for their support and expressed their appreciation.

Membership climbed to 420 and the overhead lighting on No.2 was replaced with modern floodlighting. The upgrade was very well received by bowlers and spectators alike.

The Sutherland District Women's Association of the NSWWBA was formed and Engadine Women's Bowling Club became a member of this District.

At the Annual General Meeting there was discussion on Sunday Mixed Bowls. It was apparent far more entries were needed to enable these days to survive as a permanent fixture.

Arrangements were made for The Blind Bowlers to visit on May 20. The afternoon proved very enjoyable with plenty of good humour. 16 bowlers with their wives joined our members for this occasion which was followed by a buffet to complete the day.

The Club's 25th Birthday celebration was happening in October. Planning the celebrations was very exciting with great involvement from members. The history of the Club to that time was compiled and publication eagerly anticipated. As always the Ladies put the finishing touches to the party, making for a very memorable occasion. Another MILESTONE.

Australia's \$1 coins were released into circulation – another turn in the wheel of progress.

Bertha Blayden President Women's Bowling Club from 1984 to 1986 guided the Ladies Club and Committees with thoughtful purpose as well as recording good results on the greens.



*Laurie Duvall, Bertha Blayden, Louise Copp,  
N.S.W. WBA Representative*



## 1985

Engadine No.3 Metropolitan Pennant finalist and eventual runners up were:

John Farrell, Eric Kettlewell, Edward Bronscombe, Allan Smith, Jack Mackie (manager), Vince Moroney, Les Fryer, Peter deJager, Ken Johnson, Roger Henson, Ken Oliver, John Ferguson, Paul O'Grady, Roy Cameron, Brian Langston, Jim McHugh and Ray Blundell.

Major Singles winner was Ken Johnson and the President that year was Bill Coates.

Joan Jackson, Betty King, Janet Farrell and Joyce Sandry won the first of a treble of successive Ladies' 4's Championships. Thus began a golden era for Joan Jackson: Major Singles 1989, wins in Pennants, Carnivals, Wolinski and James Wall Shields and a variety of tournaments. Joan was Treasurer of the Women's Bowling Club 1991 – 1993. Joan's good form continues to today.



*Betty King, Joan Jackson, Joyce Sandry, Janet Farrell, Jodi Tickner*



Wages increases had an impact on finances and the implementation of poker machine controls also had an impact – costly but essential. The additional security required for poker machines was a great benefit to the finance area and the general operation of the Club.

Arthur McLean and Warren Ralph were congratulated on their continuing involvement and success with the House Committee.

All 3 Men's Pennant Teams won their respective sections and the No.3's contested the Metropolitan Finals to finish Runner Up whilst the No.6's added another Flag.

Hilda White won the Women's Major Singles Championship and repeated that performance again in 1986.

Changes were made to the Articles of Association designed to improve the Registered Club's operations and ensure the Men's and Women's Bowling Clubs are managed more effectively.

The Women's Bowling Club celebrated their 25th Birthday. As always their programme was loaded with special days when they come to the fore with beautiful presentations which require so much organisation. The end product it appears, is not a challenge but an opportunity to excel at something they enjoy doing and skillfully accomplish.



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## 1986

From The Sun Newspaper June 10, 1986: "Jim Dwyer, bowling legend brought to Engadine as Bowls Instructor". The print may be faded but not the subject!

State Representative at 56 and bowling at his best. Jim was previously at Sutherland Waratah and Taren Point, recording many quality wins at top level. Jim performed extremely well at Engadine and recorded many Club Championship victories.

Jim is acknowledged for lifting the performances of other players. There are many who attribute their improvement in bowls directly to his ability as a coach and mentor. This continues to to-day. Jim is still a regular, rolling up with pals and always ready to assist and advise.



Engadine Eagles Soccer Club celebrated their 25th Birthday and was congratulated by the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club who supported the club so effectively. How many soccer players are now bowlers?

Three Ladies Club Presidents – Bertha Blayden, Beryl Boyle and Neita Coddington won the 1986 Women's Club Championship.



Pictured are Roger Henson, Major Singles Winner 1986, 1988, 1992, 1993 and President, Errol Coddington. Some of Roger's great wins included Group 4 Champion of Champions, Port Hacking District Pairs with Jim Dwyer 1989 and 1994 and City Representative selection 1995.

Membership at the time of the Annual General Meeting was 439.

1986 was a clearly defined MILESTONE with the focus firmly locked on progress. Meetings lasting well into late evening were common and there was much debate. The Club had come a long way from the "chookhouse" and the horseshoe bar – to the premises in 1971 which included an auditorium.



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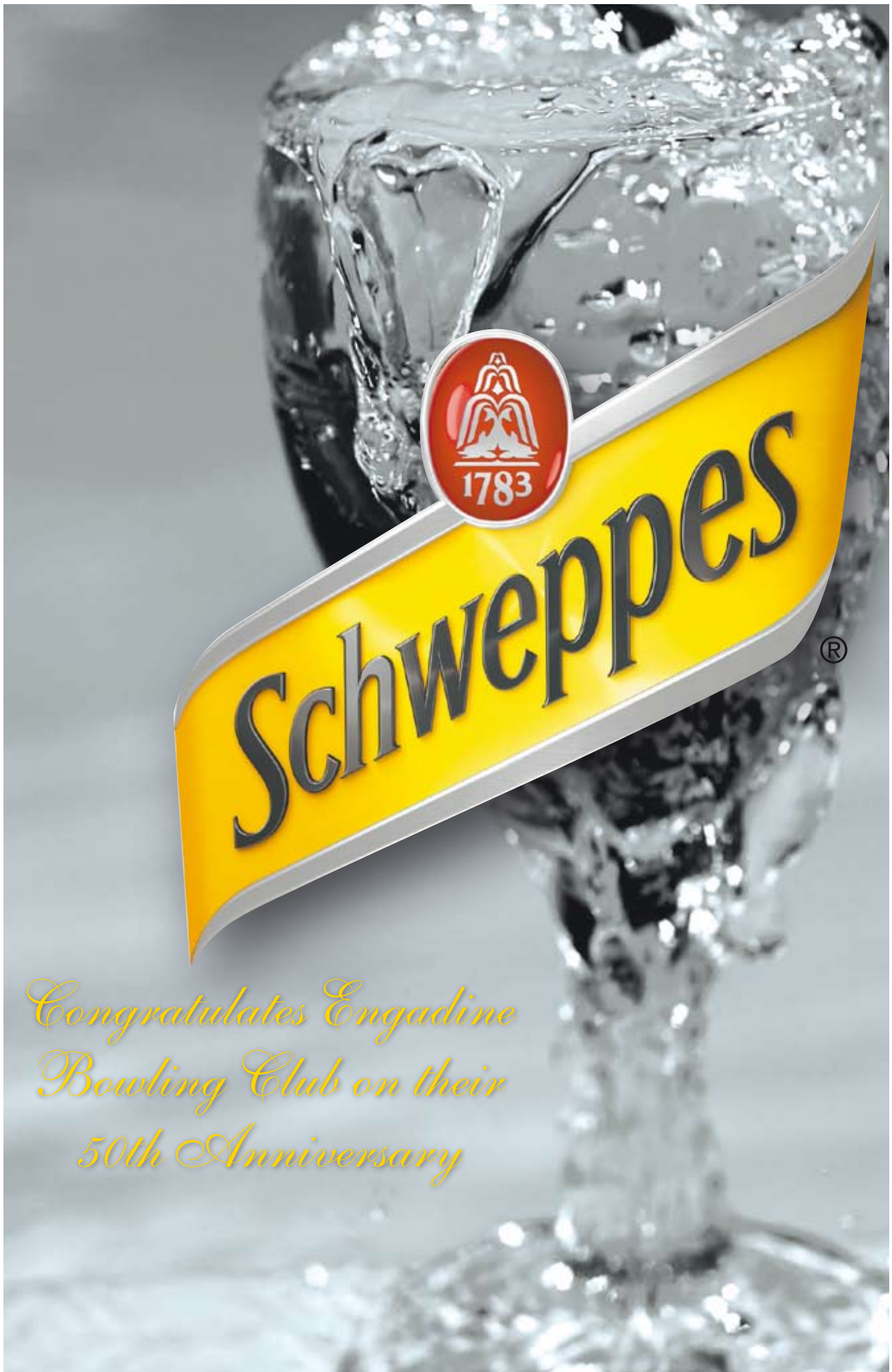


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The involvement of the Olivers – Jim, Rita and son, Ken is a remarkable story which warrants special acknowledgement in the 50 Year History of the Club.

Jim and Rita were foundation members and began a 50 year Family commitment to the game of Lawn Bowls and the administration of the Club. Along with many inaugural members they became debenture holders assisting the financial position of the Club in its early days.

Jim Oliver was a member of the former Engadine District Leagues Club and assisted in the formation of Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club. He served on several committees and was elected President in 1962-63 continuing to bowl until health problems intervened.

Rita Oliver served on Women's Bowling Club committee and was Secretary 1976–1980 and President 1981–1983. Bowling was Rita's passion and she was rewarded with 2 Mixed 4's Championships – one with son Ken, longtime friend Anne Daly and Roy Cameron.

Two special occasions overjoyed Rita; attending the Annual General Meeting when Ken was elected Chairman of the first Board of Directors and the second, receiving her Life Membership in the early 90's. Rita remained an active bowler until her death.

Ken Oliver became an active bowler in April, 1966. From that time Ken has taken a particular interest in the sport and the operation of the Engadine Club.

Ken has always visualised Engadine Bowling Club as a great force in bowling and a highly successful business – aware this cannot be achieved without setting goals and careful planning. From 1959 to the present the Club has progressed steadily.

To comply with the Companies Act it was necessary to establish and elect a Board of Directors and it occurred this year. The first Board of Directors was as follows:

Chairman:	Ken Oliver
Deputy Chairmen:	John Brogan and Jim Thornthwaite
Secretary:	William Coates
Treasurer:	Paul O'Grady
Directors:	Errol Coddington, John Farrell, Roger Gordon and Warren Ralph
Auditor:	Allan Williams

Ken maintained his enthusiasm and drive for improvement, using his down to earth approach. Ken relocated to the U.K. to take up a business appointment in 1993. On his return his involvement took a different path. Ken was awarded Life Membership on August 29, 1996 and was elected Patron of the Club a position he holds to this day.

Ken has been rewarded with bowling success. During those busy years he shared many memorable occasions in Pennant competitions and Top of the Shire tournaments. However, Ken is quick to agree his special emphasis has always been in developing enjoyment of the game and improvement of the Club.

In 2000 Ken was instrumental in initiating the formation of the Development of Bowls Team and served as a member. Their task was to identify and plan actions and goals for both the Men's and Women's Club with the purpose of improving the quality and quantity of bowling at Engadine. Coach, Peter Hughes joined the team. Shortly after a Junior Programme was established with great results.



In 2007 Ken was invited to renew the Development of Bowls Team. The pace had stepped up – Shane Garvey was an addition to the Staff as Bowls Co-ordinator and Premier League Team Organiser. Once again Ken was to the fore in the creation of this next MILESTONE.

Ken Oliver became a Vice President of the RNSWBA and during his term of office the State body was changed from 11 to 16 zones.

Currently, Ken is a selector for NSW Representative Teams and remains committed to every aspect of Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club.

History was made in the NSW Women's Bowling when the Association brought the metropolitan area into line with the country areas – and Districts were formed.

13 clubs in the Sutherland Shire – Bundeena, Caringbah, Cronulla, Cronulla RSL, Engadine, Gynea, Miranda & RSL, Port Hacking, South Cronulla, Sutherland, Sutherland Waratah, Sylvania and Taren Point – became the South East District No 4.

February 5, 48 representatives from those clubs met at Gynea to elect a steering committee.

Several meetings later on May 5 the Foundation Executive Committee of the Sutherland Shire District Women's Bowling Association was elected. Neita Coddington was Engadine's representative. In the 20 year period 1986 to 2006 Engadine Ladies won 30 District Championships in Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours.

2 Engadine bowlers, Beryl Boyle and Janet Farrell have held the position of District President each for a 3 year term.



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A touch of nostalgia as well as an example of change through the years – playing fee for the Mixed Bowls day planned for February 17 was \$2.00 for men and 50c for ladies and the ladies brought a plate.

The census taken that year revealed there were 20,800 residents in Engadine. Today more than a quarter of that number are members of the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club!

This year it became apparent, with the growth of the Club and expanding business generated by increased membership and patronage, there was a need to give consideration for major building refurbishment. The bank was approached to secure the necessary loan. A loan of \$656,000 was arranged. The costs on completion including furnishing totaled \$1,000,000 – a far cry from the \$71,000 project undertaken in 1971.

The decision to employ Cathy Bedford on June 9 as a casual in the office proved to be and

continues to be, a bonus for the Club. The length of time she has been with the Club is testament to Cathy's ability and dedication. Within a short time Cathy's employment became permanent part-time, working several days each week. 20 plus years later Cathy reflects on those years – "the core staff, the members and the decision makers of this Club have responded to difficult times with resilience and determination which has been repeated throughout the Club's 50 year history".

Towards the end of the 80's John and Janet Farrell served almost concurrent terms of office as President of the Men's and Ladies' Clubs. Janet was again elected in 1996 for a further 3 year term. Both were very active in promoting Engadine and contributed vast amount of time and energy initiating and supporting events for our Club and the District.

John Farrell has been a District Representative for many years and was a long serving Board Member.

Bertha Blayden completed her 3 year very busy term of office – well satisfied with her Committee's dedication to their particular duties. Women's Bowling results during those 3 years were very satisfying.

The composition of the Board of Directors reflected a wealth of business experience and management skills. Decision making was no stranger to them and this knowledge gave members confidence in the day to day operations of the Club.



Lillian Harris was Patron of the Women's Bowling Club and energetic volunteer for groups assisting the needy. Lillian was an auxiliary member of the NSW Crippled Children's Society and the Northcott Society. Lil was the recipient of the NSW State Government award for the Hughes Electorate for her dedication to the Community in 1999.

The Bi-Centenary celebrations on Sydney Harbour were spectacular with The Tall Ships Parade and the popular Ferry Race.

The enthusiastic Joe Gough joined in 1988. Always a willing worker and ready to help. Joe is very passionate about his garden and his flowers regularly grace the foyer of the Club. Joe is well respected by all in the bowling fraternity and revels in his "rough diamond" tag.

Completion of Stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Anzac Oval complex was largely attributed to the work carried out by members of the Apex Club of Engadine. The work carried out by the volunteers from this active Club has resulted in thousands of young people enjoying the sport of their choice. Those who started as children playing their sport on Anzac Oval in some cases are still doing so on "Anzac".

Joyce Sandry returned to the record books with several Club Championship titles added to her already impressive list.

The energy and drive towards development of Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club was clearly evident with increasing responsibilities attached to every Committee and Board Member. This new era was well supported by the members and became apparent when the profit for the year was reported at \$175,994 - a significant improvement over the prior year.

4 teams entered the Pennant Competition. The 5's won their section and the general opinion is the overall standard of bowling has lifted considerably due to the efforts of Coach Jim Dwyer. The list of champions is widespread and is an incentive for others to seek coaching and consequently improve their results.

State Selectors recalled Jim Dwyer and made the right decision! Jim performed at his best. He played Third for Alan Baker and their team was voted the most consistent in the Series against Victoria. Jim was also selected to play in the Alley Shield.

Jim Dwyer, Andy Pascoe, Roger Henson and Allan Smith were selected to represent Zone 10 this year.



*Joe Gough*



1989 saw the 30th year of Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club celebrated and membership had almost reached 500.

The Women's Club reached new heights with increased membership which included new and experienced bowlers. This was seen as an opportunity to increase the levels of success experienced by the Club.



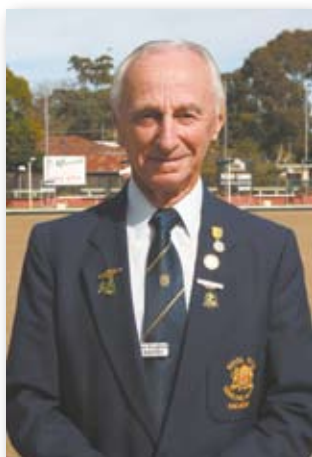
Our Ladies carried off the District 4's Title -

Elsie Stewart, Betty Chippendale, Rae Hunter, Queenie Burns (Patron) and Dale Garvey.

CAKES, CAKES, CAKES – Shown are examples of the craftsmanship of Elsie Stewart and Louise Copp. There were many others who were always willing to contribute their cake making skills to the club's special days such as Shield Day, Friendship Day, Gala Day, President's Day and Christmas.



No less than 5 husbands and wives became presidents of their respective bowling clubs at Engadine. The Oliver's, Corry's, Warland's, Farrell's and Coddington's. Neita Coddington was elected Women's Bowling Club President in 1990 and proved to be hard working and a popular leader of her team of Committee members.



Ken Broughton had spent 12 years at Sutherland Waratah Bowling Club as President and was seeking a change from the constant battle for satisfaction and peace of mind. Opportunity knocked in the form of Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club. An offer was made to him to join Engadine which he quickly accepted with the firm intention to be "just one of the boys" and enjoy his bowling. Initially, Ken was selected to skip in the 2's Pennant side. However, the Bowls Secretary position became vacant in August 1994 and Ken agreed to take the position which he has held for the 15 years.

With the emerging youthful talent Ken stepped down a grade and there reached the semi-finals of the State Pennants in 2006. Ken Broughton was awarded Life Membership of the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club in 2005 and his acceptance speech stunned the audience. Never daunted by Management Meetings, Section duties or District/ Zone responsibilities, Ken never takes a backward step. Those who have worked with Ken realise the true value of his personal contribution.

The Top of the Shire Triples Tournament continues to be a popular event with the players and spectators. This year marked the 18th year of Top of the Shire.

Member and bowlers in particular, are well aware of the support from local business. Many bowling events are reliant on sponsorship to conduct annual tournaments. Among those events are Spring Pairs, Easter Mixed 4's, Masters' Pairs, Ladies Twilight Triples, Ladies under 5 years 4's, Ladies Versatility 6, Men's over 55's to mention just a few.

Women's Bowling Club scored several outstanding successes in 1990 – District James Wall Shield, Elsie Stewart won District Singles, Nos.1 and 4 District Pennant winners.

Ray Collins was employed as Bar Manager. His duties included managing day to day operations and promoting the Club.

An A La Carte Restaurant had been included in the renovations. Our first professional caterers were Len and Pat Fornasari.

Developing the Snooker Club required the purchase of a second table which enabled the Club to enter into the Sutherland Shire competition. The Snooker Club entered the Tuesday night A Grade competition. There were several new players recruited and a very competitive side was entered.



## 1991

Mark Sullivan was highly complimented in the Annual Report on the operation of the Bistro.

The Men's Bowling Club No.7's Pennant team was congratulated on winning the Metropolitan Flag. Included in that team were promising youngsters, David Hockings and Evin Loveday - students at St.John Bosco High School - competing in their first pennant competition.

Well deserved compliments were extended to all the ladies of the Women's Bowling Club on their very successful Gala Day. All the proceeds were forwarded to Camp Quality.

Perusing the record books revealed 15 husband/ wife teams have won the Club's Mixed Pairs Championships.

Women's Bowling Club President, Neita Coddington hosted the Women's 30th Birthday Celebrations.

Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club recognised as the most improved club, Category 1 in the Registered Clubs' Association – Club of the Year Awards.

Warren Ralph was elected 15th President of the Men's Bowling Club and was a very active and enthusiastic leader. Warren involved himself in numerous Club activities with great success and had the ability to enlist members to become involved and enjoy their involvement.





Great achievements produced by our Women's Bowling Club with wins in the Wolinski Shield and State Carnival.

Harry Membrey won the Snooker Singles Handicap Trophy and the Dawnbreakers "A" Grade Pointscore.

This year the Snooker Club was officially formed and the committee was:

President:	Allan Smith
Vice President:	Ken Rhodes
Secretary:	Phil Heffernan
Treasurer:	Bill Hamilton

Apart from individual achievements in the annual Snooker and Billiards Championships recorded elsewhere, the Inter Club Annual Competition results are very satisfying. From 1992 through to 2008 Engadine Snooker Club have recorded 6 Runner up positions; 7 Minor Premierships and 7 major victories, including C Grade and Open Events.

There was a steady influx in members and 700 members were shown on the Membership Register at August 30.

6 Engadine players fought out the final of the Top of the Shire Tournament. This was the first all Engadine final in 20 years of this event. Victors were Jim McHugh, Allan Smith and John Hewson defeating Ken Oliver, Roger Henson and Jim Dwyer. This tournament continued to maintain its popularity with strong field entered largely due to the application of Bowls Secretary Roger Gordon.



Junior bowlers David Hockings and Michael Helm were showing the results of long practice session and good coaching by winning through to the State Junior Pairs semi final.



Snooker Club Champion Kerry Jury continued with excellent form to win his 2nd successive Club title, mastering all the angles with splendid cuemanship.

The introduction of the new concept for Pennant competitions in 1992 found Engadine entering teams in Grade Nos.1,2,3,4,5 & 6. The 4's won their Section that season.

No.1 and 4 Pennant teams were both Group winners.

Men's Bowling Club President was lavish in his praise for Jim Dwyer. Jim was congratulated on his patience and understanding in teaching new bowlers and imparting knowledge to the regular Pennant players.

The Club had grown to the point that the Board of Directors deemed it necessary to engage a Secretary/Manager. Honorary positions had become unworkable and time consuming, particularly with the departure of Ray Collins - another MILESTONE.

Barry Wood was very well known to the Club Auditor and had retired after years of experience in the Club industry and as Secretary/Manager of Mascot RSL Club Limited. Barry was approached and agreed to come to Engadine for a proposed 3 days per week to lead the Club into a more efficient and professional management regime. He commenced in March. The position became full time and Barry continued to manage the Club until December, 1997, when he retired again!



During this time Barry laid the foundations for the current Management systems and projected his knowledge and methods in dealing with suppliers and establishing co-operation within the industry. He also upgraded and introduced a more efficient Gaming structure.



*Women's Bowling Club highlights for the year were James Wall Shield – Runners up; Wolinski Shield Runners up.*

Now residing in Port Macquarie is former Women's Bowling Club stalwart, Betty Hall. Betty is the only woman elected to the Board of Directors. Betty is a National Umpire and the last position she held within the Ladies' Club was Tournament Organiser.

Another MILESTONE when the 21st Top of the Shire Men's Triples was played with entries from 88 teams. This year was the 2nd successive win for Jim McHugh, Allan Smith and John Hewson.



A less than anticipated result was recorded by the Men's State Pennant teams.



Roger Gordon was elected 16th President of the Men's Bowling Club. Roger and good friend and fellow workaholic Paul O'Grady were honoured with Life Membership in 1993.

The Secretary/Manager's Report from Barry Wood confirmed excellent trading results and maximum patronage for the previous year. Updating poker machines and keeping bar prices at a minimum was rewarding. The first full year of Barry Wood's tenure revealed gross revenue of \$1,219,000.

Another very active Women's Bowling Club President was elected. Beryl Boyle set a cracking pace for the Ladies and led by example during her very busy period of office.

John Brogan accepted the reins from Ken Oliver when Ken relocated to the United Kingdom for work commitments. As Deputy Chairman John was well equipped to lead the Board and was duly elected Chairman in 1993. John held that position until 1998 which covered a very exciting and busy period when several major projects were completed.

Memberships at that time grew from around 800 to a sizeable 3000 plus.



John did not seek election in 1998 and John Vimpany became Chairman.

The following year John Brogan was returned to the Chair and remained through until 2008. In that period another major refurbishment was completed. 8 teams represented the Men's Bowling Club in the State Pennant Competition as well as the Premier League Competition.

John Brogan was conferred Life Membership at the Annual General Meeting in 1992 and remains a member of the Board of Directors to this day enjoying his bowls with his many friends.

There was a marked increase in memberships aided by the closure of several bowling clubs. The main reason for the additional membership was the successful operation of our Club. All the



major improvements were reaping the benefits from those difficult decisions, consistent hard work and dedication.

The Top of the Shire Master Pairs was introduced, sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank.

The era of Thornthwaite for Treasurer began. Jim was Treasurer of the Men's Bowling Club from 1993 to 1995 and son, Bart took up the same position from 1999 to 2002. Both were recognised for their application and clear reports. Bean counting runs in the blood!

## 1994

The Register of the RNSWBA for this year listed 421 bowlers from Engadine Bowling Club, indicating Engadine had the largest bowling membership in Zone 10.

The long awaited extensions were underway. There were some minor inconveniences, however, the outcome more than justified any disruptions. After 8 months and final contract price of \$2,690,000 the result was a very modern meeting place for our members.

The first Master Pairs – Top of the Shire was conducted in August over 4 days and attracted 48 entries. The Winners were Tony White (Western Suburbs Leagues) and Steve Swan (St. Mary's).

The very popular Rugby League International footballer, Arthur Beetson was guest speaker at the August Sportsman's Evening. His talk was highly entertaining and very well received by the Members.

The inaugural Ladies Top of the Shire Triples was staged in November and won by Pam Hockings, Shirley Power and Beatrice Crowther. Pam Hockings, Janet Farrell and Betty Hall were



the driving force behind this event and the Men's Bowling Club provided strong support.

Terry McEwan has been a member of the Women's Bowling Club since 1990. Terry was Secretary from 1996 to 1998 and then took on the role of Publicity Officer. Terry's enthusiasm for information and records no doubt resulted in her compiling and writing the history of the Women's Bowling Club 1961 – 1994 titled "ONCE WERE WHITE

LEGHORNS". Little surprise to learn that Terry is regarded as "carer of the archives".

Promising junior bowlers, Michael Helm and David Hockings performed very well in the State Junior Pairs.



The first combined Presentation Day was held December 11. The Ladies certainly know how to dress up these occasions and add that extra ingredient.

Plans were completed for the construction of a third green. This was very timely as 140 new members had registered with the Men's Bowling Club since 1988 and teams were entered in 6 of the 7 grades in the State Pennant Competition.

Chairman, John Brogan introduced the Club Magazine designed to keep members up to date with results and Club activities. This project unfortunately was destined for a brief existence.

The ever popular mixed event Skirts and Flirts – Ladies vs. Men – was introduced and played, for a trophy donated by Wendy Wall and Fay Cooper. 15 years later this trophy is highly prized and eagerly sought after.

## 1995

In March stage 1 of the extensions was completed and members' comments were very encouraging. Particular interest was shown in the new Function Room resulting in enquiries for advanced bookings.

The introduction of Sky Channel and the TAB was eagerly received by all Members.

Bart Thornthwaite was congratulated on winning the Club's Major Singles, as well as becoming the youngest player to win the event.

This year was a very successful one for the Women's Bowling Club:-

District Singes:	Fay Cooper
District Triples:	Fay Cooper, Wendy Wall, Val White
Australian Carnival: (in Tasmania)	Heather Dwyer, Dale Garvey and Elsie Stewart

Pam Hockings won the Club Singles Championship for the 3rd time. Pam Hockings and Wendy Wall won the Club Pairs. Wendy Wall, Fay Cooper, Val White and Pam Hockings won the Club 4's.

Neil Dibley (Mr. Immaculate) was most deserving winner of the Royal's Merit Badge for his contribution to bowling. Neil held the positions of Umpires Convener, Men's Bowling Club Vice President. Neil assisted with organising mixed bowls and also won the Minor Singles. Neil received the Royal Merit Badge again in 2008.

Peter Hughes was lured from Dapto Bowling Club to Engadine by Club Coach, Phil Bushby. Peter was first employed as a casual cellarman. Peter was appointed Bar Manager in 1999 and following the amalgamation with Helensburgh in 2003 was elevated to Operations



Manager. Peter became the Club's Coach in 1997 and was elected Chairman of Selectors in 1998.

Peter's bowling history with Engadine includes:

- City Representative 1996/7/8
- State Reserves Representative 1999
- State Over 60 Representative 2008/09
- Club Champion 1996/2003/4
- Zone Pairs 1996
- 5 No.1 Zone Pennant Winners
- No.1 State Pennant Winner 2003 and runner up 2005
- Runner up in State 4's 2005

The Snooker Club was successful in the Sutherland Shire Snooker Competition. Pictured are the Premiers with their certificates and Trophies:

Phil Hardie: Brian Kepu, Bob Hesford (Life Member), Ian McRae, Ernie Senior, George Lattouf, Dave Hesford, Steve McConnell, Kerry Jury (Life Member), Clinton Good, David Tinsley.







## 1996

In June the No. 3 Men's Pennant Team were Zone 10 Winners and Runners up in the State Final. The team was:

Grahame Mayne, Tony Crammond, George Nelson, Vince Moroney (Manager), Ken Johnson, Lionel Dennis, John Pendergast, Paul Brett, Ron Graham, Raytewart, Jack Simpson, Kevin Hawes, Monty Hall, Ray Platt, Roger Gordon.

Beryl Boyle completed her third year in office as Women's Bowling Club President. Beryl became District President and served her 3 year term. Beryl's bowling record is impressive being member of the No. 1 Pennant Team in their consecutive District wins. Beryl's team was successful in District events and she is still an active bowler. Beryl was awarded Life Membership in 2002.

The Annual Report showed memberships had risen to 2467.

From Secretary Manager, Barry Wood: " Although the Club is not subject to tax on trading results, there is indirect taxation exceeding \$500,000 to Federal and State Treasuries. This tax is not disclosed by media when criticising the Club industry."

Ken Oliver and Glen Mathers were honoured with Life Membership on August 26.

Janet Farrell returned to the President's Chair continuing her contribution to the Women's Bowling Club with energy and enthusiasm.

The Financial Report recorded the Operating Profit for the year at \$600,000 with a net result of \$322,000. Gross income was approximately \$3 million. The next major project was the final development of the third green, the surrounds and additional parking – estimated cost in excess of \$200,000.

Jim Dwyer and Roger Henson reached the final of the Pairs State Champions of Club Champions event and with Ken Oliver won the Top of the Shire Triples.



The very effective and popular Cathy Bedford and Greg Thomas continue to receive glowing praise in the Annual General Meeting reports.

Another very busy year for the Women's Bowling Club and the Tournament Organiser; Betty Hall was congratulated for her outstanding efforts in promoting and obtaining sponsors for the special events.

The Men's No.3 and No.5 Pennant Teams had outstanding results to become Zone Champions. Andy Pascoe was Zone Singles Runner Up. Zone Pairs winners were Peter Hughes and Robin Smith.

A raft of new names appeared on the Honour Board for the Snooker Club. "Fantastic" was the word used to describe Engadine's interclub achievements. 3 of the 5 representative teams finished Minor Premiers. Their Committee worked very hard all year to obtain sponsorship and Timbar Joinery Pty Ltd, Southern Suburbs Shopfitting & Glazing and Keith Northey Real Estate, long time supporter of the Club, all came on board.

## 1997

Joyce and Ollie Sandry are one of the many couples who contributed vastly to the Club. Joyce has an impressive bowling record having won the Major Singles championship on 6 occasions and held 18 Club Championships. Joyce took on the position of Bowls Organiser and continued in this position after retiring from active bowling until her health failed. Joyce was awarded Life Membership in 1997. Ollie's participation was restricted due to chronic health problems. Both Joyce and Ollie are fondly remembered.



Pam Hockings became the first State Representative from the Engadine Women's Bowling Club. Pam was selected to play in the State Development Squad.

During this era the Club industry was targeted by regulations which impacted on end of year figures. Gone were several benefits available to members. In addition responsible service in bar and gambling facilities required by Law, resulted in high costs for training and application. However, membership continued to increase. 500 new members joined in the previous 12 months – the new total in September was 2935.

Ron Baikie was Billiards Champion from 1977 until 2007 – a very talented and tough competitor.





A charity concert was held at the Bowling Club to raise funds for "Life Education". Pictured is the Engadine High School Band performing at this function. The Band is one of the organisations supported by Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club.

Pictured is a Women's Bowling Club President's Day and 37th Birthday celebration.

John Vimpany congratulates Women's Bowling Club Singles Champion, Fay Cooper with President, Janet Farrell.



Legislation relating to the introduction of the 5 km radius rule for non members entering the Club resulted in an increase in cost of supervision and the installation of security systems. Membership applications were pursued to combat further erosion of patronage from the local community.

In addition, hotels were permitted to install poker machines without patrons being subject to residential restrictions nor the need to be "signed-in" – a further negative impact. This was a major concern for the club industry. Clubs NSW were



remarkably quiet in challenging this situation which was unfair competition at the very least.

In his Annual Report, Secretary Manager, Barry Wood reported a nett profit of \$285,615. Gross income had reached approximately \$3.2 million. This is an indication of the depth of management skills required to successfully operate the financial affairs of a great social and sporting club.

Barry stated in his last Report before retiring that he was thankful for the huge support given to him by the staff and Board of Directors. Barry further reported, with pride, several major projects were completed during his tenure, including the much needed 3rd green.

The death of Diana, Princess of Wales, in August shocked and saddened the entire world.





*The team was: Shirley Widmer, Iris Crooks, Beryl Dent, Lorna Foreman, Marilyn Paterson, Betty Taber, Audrey Riley, and Beryl Whitnall. It was a first time appearance in pennants for 5 of the 8 players.*

## 1998

1998 proved to be another great year for the Women's Bowling Club. The No.1 Pennant team was Section Winners and the No.3 Pennant Team were Group/Zone Winners. However, the No.4 Pennant Team won through to the State Finals, going down to Alstonville in the Final.

Fay Cooper won the Major Singles for the second consecutive year and the third time overall. Barbara James was selected to represent NSW in the series against Victoria. It was agreed the coaching skills of Elsie Stewart played their part in these successes.

Gary Baudinette was appointed Secretary/Manager heading up the administration team. 11 years have passed with plenty of ups and downs.

May 14, the world lost one of the great entertainers of the 20th Century. Old Blue Eyes, Frank Sinatra had sung his last song.



August 2, Don Short became a full bowling member having been a member of the Dawnbreakers Golf Club for many years. This one man "working bee" has helped many members of the Club with his energy and expertise. On retirement, bowling became Don's passion. It was no surprise to find him Chairman of the Social Committee and Senior Vice President. Vacating that position in 2007 Don was warmly acknowledged for his contribution to the Club. Don returned to Committee duties in 2008 on the Match Committee.

*Don Short*



*Above: Barbara James*

*Left: Gary Baudinette*

The Engadine Ambulance Station was opened on May 13 with 2 ambulances and 9 staff. By 1998 there were 4 ambulances and higher-level Officer in Command and additional personnel.

The Snooker Club presented their very satisfying Annual Report under the leadership of President Clinton Good and with familiar names working on the Committee. The competition results revealed Engadine players as outstanding in both ability and friendship.

Engadine High School student Jiah Liavella won the District Junior Singles in his first attempt. This was an outstanding result and Jiah was very appreciative of the coaching and support he received from Peter Hughes.

Continuing with great successes, the Men's No.1 and No.5 Pennant teams won Zone Flags and qualified for the play-offs. The No.2's were Runner Up in the Zone Finals. Engadine Men's Bowling Club won the Zone Champion Club of the Year Award.

The pressures applied to all registered clubs caused some unwelcome changes. The Board was reluctantly forced to close the restaurant and discontinue the Variety Day Concerts and free meat raffles.

## 1999

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The concept of a Darts Club had been brewing in Stan Dent's mind for some time. The possibilities were examined and a proposal presented to the Board. Approval was given and the Darts area prepared. Social darts commenced this year and the keen players craved competition. In 2000 Engadine's first team of Stan Dent, Chris Jacobs, Ron Mitchell, Matt Sargeant, Les Gordon and Allan Westwood won the SSDDA Winter Competition, Division 2. Mixed Darts and strong competition is regularly available but some necessary internal alterations have reduced the board space and the scope for Darts in 2009.

Men's Bowling Club, Matt Sargeant won Player of the Year Award and the Major Singles, while Barbara James won the Women's Major Singles and selection in the NSW State Squad to compete against Victoria.

Pictured are the No.1 Zone Pennant Winners: Matt Sargeant, Robert Bull, Noel James, Peter Hughes, Bart Thornthwaite, Tony Crammond, Vince Moroney, Robin Smith and Greg Helm.







Gwen Parnham was elected President of the Women's Bowling Club and served a full 3 year term. Gwen was again elected President in 2005. Gwen enjoyed her position and saw many changes in the 6 years of her term.

1999 was a difficult year for Gary Baudinette and the Board. Heavy costs were incurred in modifying greens' lighting and ensuring reduction in noise, together with legal fees. However, once the requirements had been met the Club was able to return to traditional trading hours. Normality returned and trading recovered and accelerated.

An event for celebration was the Flag raising declaring Engadine Champion Club in Zone 13. It was very satisfying to receive this acknowledgement as Engadine now has 40 years of operation and memberships nearing 3200.



Pictured are the No.5 Zone Pennant winners: Ken Johnson, Warren Ralph, Arthur McLean, Keith Smith, John Pendergast, Les Smith, John Brogan, Les Gordon, Roger Gordon, Fred Bennett, Gerry Black (absent) and George Nelson (absent).

Women's Bowling Club Patron, Lil Harris, celebrating her 90th birthday with her many friends at the Women's Bowling Club.

The Major Singles Championship was won by Barbara James. Beryl Boyle and Vi Noakes were the Pairs Champions and Laurie Duvall, Vi Noakes and Beryl Boyle won the District Triples.

The Darts Club entered 2 teams in the Sutherland Shire Competition and Engadine was chosen to host the Shire "A" Grade Finals. One





team reached the Final and the other played the Grand Final and finished Runner up. The Club is happy to report their regular sponsors were at hand to assist again this year.

Engadine ladies, winners of the NSWWBA Versatility 4's 70th Anniversary Medal pictured – Marilyn Paterson, Vi Noakes, Beryl Boyle (District President), Val White and Joan Sammons.

## 2000



The Women's Bowling Club fielded 6 teams in the Pennant Season – two in Grade 1; one in Grade 2; two in Grade 3 and one in Grade 4. The 1's, 3's and 4's won at District Level. Grade 2 won at District and Group and progressed to the State Final, going down in the second last game. This was the second Engadine team to play in the State Finals and the first occasion that coloured shirts were permitted by NSWWBA. In playing their Group Final, Engadine became the first club in the State to play in coloured shirts.

The Men's Bowling Club Management Committee looked at advancing all aspects of bowling. A Development Team was formed to examine the issues, and structure plans to achieve this. A comprehensive 5 year Vision and Mission Document was produced and forwarded to the Men's Bowling Club, the Women's Bowling Club and the Board of Directors for adoption. A number of the goals set were achieved in the ensuing 3 years.



From the Fishing Club – Carl Banning was a clear winner in the Deep Sea Section points score; Peter Loney was Estuary Champion and Shaun Matherson the best of the Rock Hoppers.

Scores of members volunteered for the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. All had stories to tell of wonderful experiences after witnessing a huge variety of sporting challenges from the World's best athletes. All took pride in their participation in Australia's presentation of this magnificent spectacle.



Men's Bowling Club highlights:  
Major Singles winner – Matt Sargeant and State Representative;  
Player of the Year – Ken Broughton; Rookie of the Year – David Smith. Adam and Lee Morrissey, the brothers from Gulgong played well in State Singles and Pairs.

Engadine hosted the Men's Zone 13 Championships and received high praise for their presentation of the event.

Men's Bowling Club President Roger Gordon; Vice President Alan Westwood and Secretary Ken Broughton wrapping up another successful afternoon of bowling. This was to be Roger's final term as president following 8 years in the Chair.

From the Snooker Room – members were appreciative of the Board's support in refurbishing the tables and the sponsorship from Keith Northey Real Estate, Freightways Ltd and Peter Baxter's Shopfitting and Glazing. Bob Hesford was honoured with Life Membership acknowledging years of effort for Snooker.

The Women's Bowling Club celebrated their 40th Birthday and Gwen Parnham's Presidents Day. District President, Beryl Boyle, President Gwen and NSWWBA representative Florence Thomas cutting the cake.



Men's Bowling Club No.1 and No.6 Pennant Teams won at Zone level and qualified for the State Finals at Harboard and East Maitland respectively. Neither grade was State Flag winners but the 6's had a great support team. East Maitland did their club proud in hosting this event.





*Women's Support Team*

Ideal weather greeted 62 potential bowlers for our Open/Recruitment Day in October – the first for several years. A number of those attending joined the Club and became bowlers. The host members were great ambassadors for the Club and game of Bowls. The Recruitment team at work in the Engadine Shopping Centre.

They may not be “Zeigfield Girls” but there was a heap of talent in this group at the Christmas Concert: Lynn Joils, Joan Dennis, Mary Schroeder, Audrey Riley, Jenny Sullivan and Iris Crooks.



*Recruitment Promotion*



*Zeigfield Girls*



The Junior Bowling Clinic was introduced in February attracting a number of young bowlers. Under the guidance of the Junior Panel of Greg Helm, Peter Hughes, Don Wiggins and Ken Oliver, the clinic progressed with regular attendances. Engadine hosted the first District Junior Pairs in May with 16 entries. A number of the bowlers showed promise and Engadine's Juniors acquitted themselves well despite their limited experience.

Eric and Leah Griffiths "ignited" the Bistro, increasing the patronage with their quality and service.

Requests for funding and assistance from local sporting clubs, associations and the needy are regularly received by all licensed clubs. Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club is willing to support worthy causes and recognizes the industry has a role to play in assisting the local community.

The Government enforced a freeze on poker machine numbers in clubs, having an adverse effect on the hospitality industry. Our Club required additional poker machines to satisfy the growing membership.

Alan Westwood was elected President of the Men's Bowling Club and remained in that position until 2008. Alan has been a Board member since 1998.

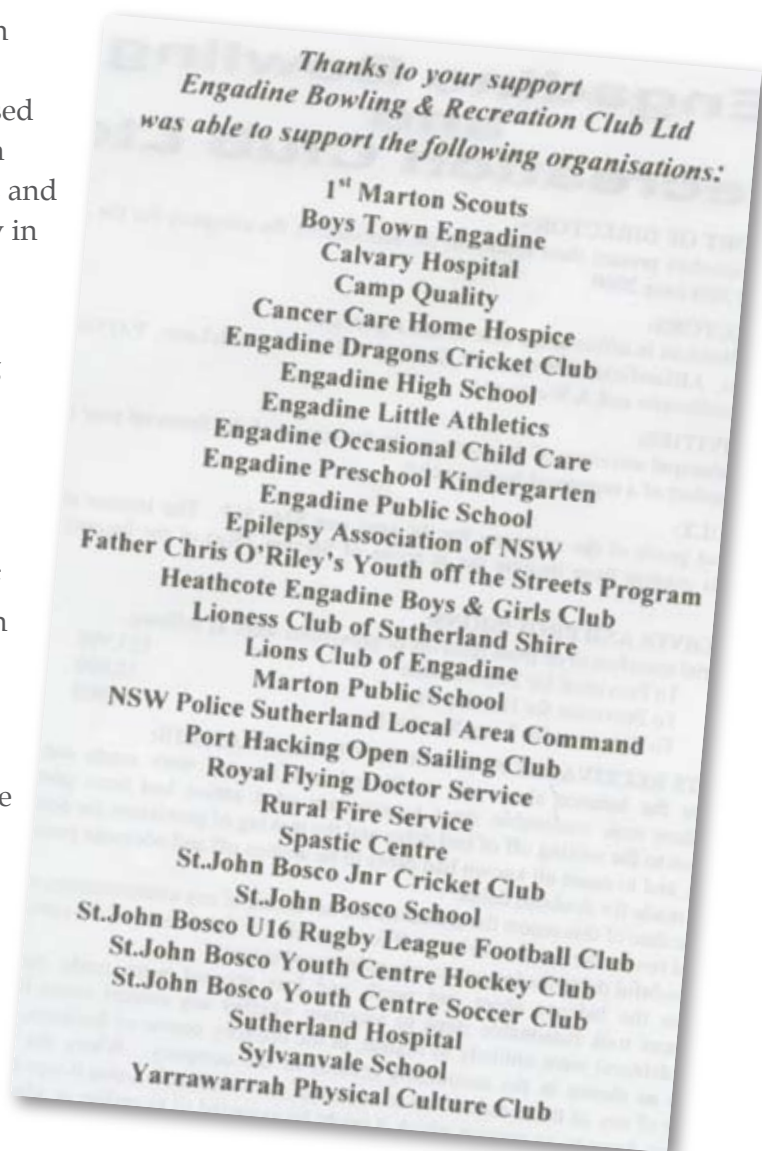
The Men's Bowling Club wins the C Grade Mid-Week Pennant Zone title – the first for several years.

Lionel Billitt and Robbie Warren capture the NSW Pairs title and represent the State in the Australian Pairs event to finish runner up. Major Singles winner is Andy Pascoe and Player of the Year is Matt Sargeant. Five men's Pennant sides progressed to the Zone Play Offs but were not successful.

The Women's No.3 and No.4 District Pennant winners competing in the Group Play off. James Wall Shield District winners played in the State semi final. Barbara James – Major Singles.

The Darts Club Summer Competition saw Engadine become Minor Premiers and eventual Grade Final winners in Division B.

The Snooker and Billiard Annual Report showed impressive results for Engadine A,C,D Grades – Minor Premiers and Grand Finalist, combined C & D Grade Spring Competition Minor Premiers and Premiers; Combined A & B Grade Spring Competition finalist.



Friday morning men's mufti bowls has been a popular weekly event for the past decade. In the capable hands of Ron Bowrey, an average field of 50 bowlers plays regularly and those numbers have touched the 70's on occasions. All of those regulars appreciate the sponsorship provided by Smithy's Bistro and Joe – the best hairdresser in Engadine!!

Bradley Johnson, David Ferguson and Greg Helm selected in the NSW under 25 Squad.

The greens surrounds and gardens show the care and attention given by Cathy Sperring since her employment in March.

General Manager, Gary Baudinette at the Annual General Meeting reported on the pressure of poker machine taxes and expenditure resulting from the Helensburgh amalgamation. Gary and the Board are confident the projected growth at both clubs will soon pay dividends.

Enthusiastic bowler and energetic leader, Wendy Wall was elected President of the Women's Bowling Club. Pictured are Pairs winners Vi Noakes and Beryl Boyle with President Wendy.



Barbara James completed a hat trick by winning the Major Singles for the third consecutive year. Other results were: District Singles Winner and Runner up; District 4's Winners; District Pairs Winners; Group Winners Headquarters Trophy; State Carnival Winners: No.1 Pennant District and Group Winners (3rd in the State Final).

Engadine bowlers, Greg Helm and Matt Sargeant selected to represent City in the match against Country.

During the unfolding of the 50 year history of the Club many names and memories come to mind. One name, with an almost legendary profile with Engadine and bowls is Roger Gordon. Polite and quietly spoken, this likeable gentleman, born and educated in Dubbo, retired to a quieter country life in Narooma in 2002.

Roger was an active members from the day he joined on February 21, 1972 and so it began: Assistant Bowls Secretary – 3 years; Bowls Secretary – 13 years; President Men's Bowling Club – 8 years; Board member – 17 years and Deputy Chairman – 7 years. Roger was honoured with Life Membership in 1993.

Port Hacking District:	Delegate
	Treasurer – 12 years
	Secretary – 5 years
	President – 7 years.

Roger was made a Life Member of the District in 1995. Roger became Zone 13 President and served for 3 years. He received Life Membership of Zone 13 in 2007.

Roger was a member of the Sydney Insurance Bowling Club for 25 years and during that time held the positions of Committeeman, Secretary, Treasurer and President.

Roger was awarded the Australian Sports Medal for Service to Bowls in 2003.

When asked to describe the high points of his association with the Club Roger's immediate response was representing Engadine in any form and playing with old friends, Fred Edwards, Bob Yewdall, Ian Forrest, Glen Mathers and George Hunter to name a few. His involvement in the progress of the Club in every aspect was a special recollection but above all, his most treasured memories are the friendships developed through bowling at Engadine.

## HELENSBURGH AMALGAMATION

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The Club was approached by Helensburgh Bowling Club which was facing closure due to financial difficulties. A request by them to the local Workers Club to amalgamate had been declined. Their only other option was to sell the freehold to a retirement village proposal which would see the end of an extensive history for the Club and lawn bowls disappearing from the town.

After consideration Engadine agreed to offer assistance and members of both Clubs subsequently approved an amalgamation.

Using Helensburgh assets and Engadine's profitability, a bank loan was raised. The Helensburgh club house was renovated/modernised and gaming updated with new machines, TAB installed and the club coming under the management of Gary Baudinette. A bistro was included and Colin Smith came from Bankstown Trotting Club and established Smithy's Bistro in Helensburgh. Over the next 3 years the club was supported by Engadine but never returned to profitability. The local population proved to be too small to support 2 clubs.

In 2005 the new Secretary/Manager of the workers Club, also trading unprofitably, approached Engadine for discussion on the future of both clubs in Helensburgh.

The eventual outcome was that Engadine would sell their interest to the Workers Club; the 2 local clubs would amalgamate and build one completely new club for Helensburgh incorporating lawn bowls. The Workers Club raised funds by selling land and purchased the bowling club property from Engadine which was finalised July 31, 2005.

The funds repaid Engadine's outlay and recovered the losses Engadine had incurred in keeping bowls operating. The Workers Club property was subsequently sold and new club premises constructed on the bowling club site.

Opened in 2008, it is now known as the Helensburgh Workers and Sporting Club Ltd.



The Men's Pennant Season produced some great results. 5 sides reached the Zone Play Offs



ENGADINE NO.1 PENNANT TEAM WERE SUCCESSFUL IN WINNING THE FIRST STATE FLAG FOR ENGADINE MEN'S BOWLING CLUB

ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE!

KEN OLIVER (MANAGER) ALAN WESTWOOD (PRESIDENT) ALLAN SMITH, PETER HUGHES, NOEL JAMES, CHRIS MACAULEY, GREG HELM, ROBBIE WARREN, ANDY PASCOE, VINCE MORONEY, MATT SARGEANT, DAVID FERGUSON, LIONEL BILLET, BRAD JOHNSON.



The Women's Bowling Club also recorded some great successes: Triples Winner District and Group; James Wall Shield Winner and Runner Up District; Singles Winner District and Group; Pairs Winner and Runner Up District; No.1 Pennant Winners District and Group.

Engadine Men captured the "A" Grade Mid-Week Zone 13 Trophy.

The irrepressible Betty Taber carried the Engadine colours close to her heart when she was a member of the Australian Deaf Lawn Bowls Team playing New Zealand in Christchurch.

This year saw the passing of Joyce Sandry, Life Member, a wonderful bowler and dedicated worker for the Ladies Club. Joyce's dearest wish was to win a State Pennant Flag. Pauline Day and Verona Byrne also were lost to the Women's Club.

David Ferguson and Greg Helm were selected in the NSW under 25 Squad and David's inclusion in the Institute of Sport Development Squad is well justified.

The Government has increased poker machine taxes on gross gaming machine income and imposed a 13.3% increase on monitoring fees.

This year would be the last year of the amalgamation agreement between Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club and Helensburgh. It is apparent Helensburgh will need considerably more local support to continue without our Club's involvement.

## 2004

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A number of significant changes took effect. Plans to renovate the club house to modernise it in keeping with the 21st century were on the discussion table. The new look staff uniforms received the approval of members.

Eric and Lea Griffiths moved to Foster/Tuncurry with the best wishes from all their customers. Colin Smith from Helensburgh took over and is now operating the Bistro. Colin comes with a fine reputation for great food and service.

It may be boring, but it is factual! The pressure continues from the Government seeking to increase poker machine taxes. The Registered Clubs Association has expressed concern and wonders how much more the Government can expect of this industry.

The 2004 inaugural Top of the Shire Triples for women was held and the efforts of Betty Hall, Pam Hockings and Janet and John Farrell were instrumental in the success of this event.

Pleasing to report another fine year for the Men's Bowling Club. Engadine was well represented in the Zone, City and State selections and an elusive 8 Pin was awarded during the pennant rounds.

The much talked about extensions began. The final contract price was \$2,690,000 and James Clifford Constructions were the successful builders. Completion is expected in 8 months.

Michelle Chapman received special mention in the Annual Report. Michelle is a tireless worker and this is reflected in the bookings for the Function Room which have been outstanding this year.

Bathurst was the destination for the Travelling Bowlers. These intrepid travellers always enjoy themselves and this year was their 20th Anniversary trip.

Snooker and Billiard – Ron Baikie completed the double by winning both the Snooker and Billiards Championships.

Engadine claims the title! - having the largest register of bowling members in Zone 13 with a total of 300 men.



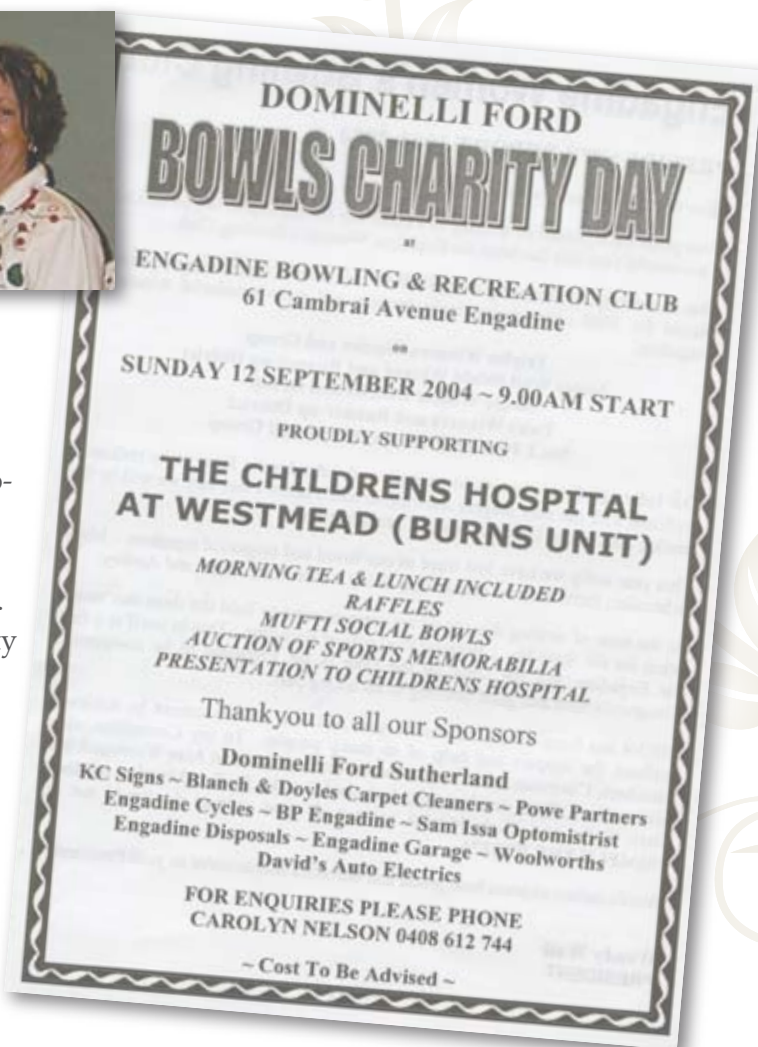
Engadine Bowling Club was proud to announce David Ferguson, Greg Helm and Chris Macauley were selected in the NSW Under 25 Squad and Chris Macauley and Craig Scott in the City Side



Dominelli Ford Sutherland was the major sponsor for the Bowls Charity Day at Engadine. All proceeds went to the Children's Hospital Westmead (Burns Unit). Full credit to Carolyn Nelson for co-ordinating this very successful day where \$18,000 was raised. Carolyn has enjoyed success in multi-disability championships. Her most recent was in the Multi-Disability National Lawn Bowls Championships where she won Silver in the Women's Singles.

The Women's Bowling Club was extremely successful in winning:

District Wolinski Shield, District James Wall Shield, District Pairs, District Singles, District and Group No.1 Pennant





Peter Hughes and Vince Moroney have developed a great rapport with St. John Bosco and Engadine High School students. Next step is to enlist them into our regular bowling ranks.

Gwen Parnham commenced her 2nd 3 year term as Women's Bowling Club President – well aware of the volume of duties which lay before her. President Gwen is pictured with Triples Winners Chris Keep, Carolyn Nelson and Joan Dennis.

Both the Women's and Men's Bowling Club had their share of success and members were selected to represent at City and State level.



The initiative to ban smoking in clubs has been discussed at some length. Although the change in legislation is some time away, Club administrators anticipate a downturn in gaming revenue as a consequence of this happening.

Paul O'Grady joined in 1975 and has been a great servant during his 34 years membership. The positions held by Paul were: Bowls Secretary, Bowls Treasurer, Honorary Treasurer, Director (22 Years). Respected for his tireless input particularly with financial matters, Paul has displayed a more than capable ability on the green, being part of several Pennant winning combinations. Paul received a standing ovation when awarded Life Membership in 1993. Having retired from the Board, Paul continues to give of his time assisting with poker machine clearances etc.



The Darts Club enjoyed a rewarding season. The ladies were given special mention – selected in winning the State 6's. Engadine hosted the No.1 Grade Singles in August and the Ladies' Singles in December.

Phil Hardie and Ron Baikie continue to receive mention in the Snooker Club reports, both winners of Club Championships. Kerry Jury deservedly made a Life Member of the Snooker and Billiards Club.

The profit result of \$347,432 compares favourably with past performances. The Management and Staff were congratulated on the year's final result.

Fay Cooper has been an outstanding bowler for the Ladies' Club. Fay has been extremely successful in Club and District Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours as well as being an integral member of the highly successful No.1 Pennant Team. Fay's ability has been recognised with a request to trial for the State Team. In 2008 Fay was selected in the City Team to play Country in the Over 60's championship.



Janet Farrell was elected President of Sutherland District. Following her 3 year term, Janet became a member of Match and is currently holding that position. Janet is also a member of the Committee for NSWBA. Janet was awarded Life Membership of the Engadine Women's Bowling Club in 2004.

## 2006

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State Representative Shane Garvey was appointed as Bowls Co-Ordinator for a 3 year term with a further 3 year extension to 2009. This again was one of the objectives of the Development strategy - to gain entry into Premier League. Shane's role was to obtain sponsors and promote / elevate bowling at Engadine. Shane was successful and the results are evident. Our teams became known as the "Cougars" competing in new, colourful and easily identifiable uniforms.

The promotion of "party" or barefoot bowling developed and grew like wildfire. This popular form of bowls has certainly paid dividends, showing good returns in green fees, plus bar and Bistro patronage.

Shane obtained sponsorships from Stewart Toyota at Sutherland, Cougar Bourbon, Costi Seafood and Goldband Seafood. Shane provided 300 sets of coloured bowls which appeal to party bowlers and are used each Wednesday when the high school students have their weekly tuition.

Shane won the Club Major Singles in his first year. Shane's bowling history includes 60 representative matches for NSW. Winner of 25 Open Tournaments, qualifying and playing in the Scottish Masters in the UK 2007.

Towards the middle of the year memberships were fast approaching the 5000 mark – 1100 greater than last year's total. Trading was very satisfactory.

Mixed bowling at Engadine, as with most clubs, took some years to become a strong component. From the late 60's efforts were made to bolster mixed bowls and to that effect John and Janet Farrell, Lionel and Joan Dennis, Neil and Zenab Dibley then Stan and Beryl Dent are to be congratulated for their effort and enthusiasm. In this 21st Century, Friday afternoon Mixed Pairs and Wine and Dine on the 1st Sunday of the month see 90 to 100 regulars on the greens.





One of the City representative 4's teams comprised all Engadine men – Shane Garvey, David Ferguson, Chris McCauley and Matt Smith.

The No.1 Pennant Team was runner up in the State Pennant Competition.

At the Annual General Meeting it was reported there was a slight downturn in gaming income which was offset by increased bar trading, supported by other income streams. The final profit result of \$347,432 compared favourably with past performances and staff were congratulated.

Membership had climbed to 5050 by June 30.

The Women's Bowling Club won every Pennant Grade at District level. The Nos.1,3 and 4 Teams won their Group Play Off and progressed to the State Finals at Dubbo. Whilst not being successful, it was a great experience and one which will stand future teams in good stead.

The Darts Club fielded 6 teams in the Winter Competition. Ann Bamforth, Helen Healey, Alicia and Kaylene Koppe and Roz Butt were selected in the State 6's and won the event.





## 2007

The Women's No.1 Pennant team won through to the State Play Off series held at Nelson's Bay. The format this year was changed to a round robin competition for the 9 teams. The conditions were tough with cold westerly winds blowing all week. Our ladies finished strongly to become runner up in the State to Merrylands WBC. This team was the best performed of all the pennant sides for Engadine this year.

The Engadine team of Marilyn Paterson, Faye McMahon and Betty Long won the District Triples.

Ron Baikie continues to exhibit his consistent form winning his 9th Billiards Championship.

Despite the trading downturn anticipated with the introduction of legislation banning smoking in clubs, Engadine supported 25 groups/associations with financial assistance.

Reduction in available space for dart boards had an adverse effect on the Darts Club with member losses and fewer teams entered in the local competition.

Men's Bowling Club Mid-Week "C" Grade Pennant team scored some massive wins during the rounds, only to fall victim to Western Suburbs in the final.



Completion of the major alteration project presented a clubhouse with modern, open facilities. The TAB, platinum rated with the latest displays, sports kiosk and internet available has been well patronised. The elevated viewing lounge is always packed for Premier League matches. Spectators seated outside under awnings enjoyed the prawns and drinks supplied at a moderate cost.

Foundation member, George Hunter with Chairman, John Brogan at the ceremony marking the completion of the extensions.

Gwen Parnham nearing completion of her 2nd 3 year term as Women's Bowling Club President was appreciative of the support teams who contributed so much during Gwen's terms of office.



Widely experienced in bowls and administration, Bruce Turpin was elected President of the Men's Bowling Club. Bob Jenkins and Lloyd Scanlan became members of the Board of Directors.



David Ferguson was voted Bowler of the Year after an outstanding season.

Matt Clinch from the Junior ranks has made excellent progress into the Higher Juniors winning the Zone Junior Singles and representing in the State Singles.

The No.6 Pennant Team won through to the Zone Play Off series to finish runner up to Cronulla.

Introduction of legislation banning smoking within enclosed areas had a twofold effect on the

Club – in as much as it created the need for further modification of the premises and dramatically reduced the number of people playing the poker machine. It became necessary to review and extend the finance arrangements to address this situation.

For the first time Engadine entered a team in the Premier League Competition. The team reached the Semi Finals which is a great effort in their first year. Another MILESTONE.







In relating the history of the Club there is a name which readily comes to mind. Allan Andrew Pascoe, Zorba to his close associates, joined November 19, 1968 and a remarkable 40 year period followed.

The following tells Andy's history with the Club:-

- Represented Engadine in every Pennant Grade – 7's to 1's and Premier League
- Major Singles Champion - 1981, 1982, 1989, 2001, 2002
- Pairs Champions – 1972, 1982, 1986, 1991, 1992, 2005, 2006, 2007
- Port Hacking District Singles – 1996, 1997
- Zone 13 State Fours – 2000, 2002
- No.1 State Pennants – Won 2003, Runner up 2006
- City v Country representative – 1992
- 350 plus representative matches Zone 10
- 300 plus representative matches Zone 13
- 400 plus representative matches Port Hacking District

Andy's most treasured achievement is winning the No.1 Pennant State Flag in 2003, the culmination of many years of planning. Andy's involvement included Selection and Committee duties.

Andy was employed by the Club in 1995 attending to general maintenance and in 1999 cellerman was added to his responsibilities. He was "Mr. Fix-it".

Andy and his wife Pat moved to Port Macquarie in March taking with them the best wishes of all Andy's friends, club members and staff alike.

Sunday March 17, saw the discovery of H.M.A.S. Sydney in waters off Western Australia. The Sydney was sunk in 1941 going down with her entire crew of 645. There was finally closure for hundreds of Australian families.

The financial world was turned upside down by the collapse of lending institutions in the United States. There was a domino effect which spread panic among even the largest of business institutions in first world nations. Australia did not escape and it appeared a dark cloud covered everything relating to business and trading. Petrol prices sky rocketed, the tourist dollar stalled, but Engadine Bowling Club, tucked away on the edge of the bush continued to operate as it had done for almost 50 years.

The Women's Bowling Club celebrated 48 years of bowling with wins in the No.1 and No.2 Pennants – the No.1 team undefeated at District level.

The Centenary Rugby League Test Match between Australia and New Zealand was played for the first time under lights, at the Sydney Cricket Ground. The occasion was overshadowed by the death of legendary coach and "Shire" identity, Jack Gibson.

Club trading absorbed the full impact of the new smoking regulations. Uncertain world markets affecting Australian business, plus crazy petrol price escalation, had all business operations nervous. However, at The Bowlo the return of poker machines to the main area, astute staff rostering, loyal patronage from members and the huge increase in "party bowls" functions, shone a brighter light on the Engadine Bowling Club.



Increase in green fees was a bitter pill to swallow, but the digestive system of bowlers adjusted quickly and there was no reduction in the numbers playing each week.



Venice Jenkin brought all her experience and determination to the President's Chair of the Women's Bowling Club, having identified a number of goals along the way.

At the Annual General Meeting in September Alan Westwood was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors and paid tribute to retiring Chairman, John Brogan. Men's Bowling Club President, Bruce Turpin was elected onto the Board.

Also in September veteran actor, Paul Newman died. We all remember his many roles – who will ever forget Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid?

The weather was wonderful on November 9 and 69 prospective bowlers attended for their first experience of Bowls. All enjoyed the day and were consistent in their praise for the hosts who guided them and the volunteers who worked to ensure the day was a success. And a success it was with 30 people keen to have further coaching. By February, 2009, 20 of those who attended had joined the Club and were bowling regularly.



There were more smiles during the celebrations of the Travelling Bowlers 25th Anniversary. 3 who have made every trip and 18 of the original group shared great memories.

One of the most significant events in US history – the election of black candidate Barack Obama to the Presidency of the United States of America.



Bitter sweet tears punctuated the farewell gathering for the very popular and extremely efficient Michelle Chapman. Michelle was a member of the staff for almost 20 years and will certainly be missed.

Andre Rieu, King of the Waltz and brilliant entertainer, enthralled Sydney audiences with his highly skilful and multi talented musicians. A wonderful tonic at the end of a very unsettling year.

A great example of the pursuit of excellence in sport. Clem Heffernan at 69 years of age, put down his first bowl late in 2006. Clem had been



involved with another Club's 50 year history – having played "A" Grade cricket for Engadine Dragon's Cricket Club for 40 years. During their Golden anniversary celebrations the "Best of the Best 11" was acknowledged and Clem was included in that team.

No stranger to golf, Clem was a member of Liverpool Golf Club Seniors Pennant Team and during the 2005 and 2006 season was undefeated in match play.

Clem adapted to bowls with ease. In 2007 he played in Engadine's "C" Grade mid week Pennant Competition which finished runner up. 2008 saw Clem again achieve good results and he was awarded Rookie Bowler of the Year. Clem accepted this award with humour claiming to be the oldest rookie ever.

David Ferguson won Bowler of the Year for the second successive year. His achievements for 2008:-

Major Singles: Major Pairs with Greg Helm: Mixed Pairs with Fay Cooper: Mixed 4's with Bruce Turpin, Fay Cooper, Yvonne Phillips: Most Capped Under 25's NSW Representative and City Representative.

Under 25's: Chris Roberts and Matt Smith

Seniors: Peter Hughes.

City representatives were Matt Smith and Robbie Warren.

Chris Roberts was runner-up in the State Singles to NSW Bowler of the Year Leif Selby.

Cheryl Harrison, Faye McMahon, Lynne Cole and Joan Thomas won the Wolinski Shield at District level. This is a NSWWBA Charity event. The girls won their zone and competed for the State Championship going down in the final to Wamberrall.





# GREG HELM

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Greg Helm is an Engadine boy through and through, having been raised and educated in the area and living just 400 metres from Engadine Bowling Club. Starting the sport at the age of 10, Greg not only progressed through the ranks on the green to play for NSW, he also combined his love of bowls and his interest in Sports Administration to become the youngest CEO at the Royal NSW Bowling Association.

Greg would come to the club on Saturday to watch his father Keith practice and play pennants. Occasionally Keith would allow Greg to roll a jack or 2 and let him use an old set of Dunlop bowls. Greg recalls this as the reason why he was bitten by the bowls bug so early.



Greg eventually received more formal coaching, along with his brother Michael under the watchful eye of Club Coach, Jim Dwyer. Michael and Greg both gained their first NSW Under representative honours against ACT in 1993 and 1995 respectively.

Greg also formed a strong partnership with Ken Oliver playing up front which would eventually lead to 3 Club Pairs titles, and a Master Invitational Pairs title at Culburra.

In 1997, Greg became Engadine Bowling Club's first NSW State Champion by taking out the NSW Junior Singles title held at Warilla.

After completing his HSC and leaving the Junior Bowls ranks in 1998, Greg was employed by the Engadine Bowling Club.

Greg's playing career took somewhat of a backseat during 1998 to 2002 while he attended the University of Sydney to complete a Bachelor of Education Degree giving him formal qualifications in Sport and Physical Education.

Following graduation, he decided to pursue further study in Business through a Management Traineeship at the Club and to focus on playing bowls again. This certainly paid off as Engadine won their first State No.1 Pennant Flag in 2003, with Greg being named the BCiB Player of the Final, playing third for Andy Pascoe. Greg quotes this as his greatest achievement at the Club.

Greg's talent on the green was further rewarded with selection in the City side in 2003 and the NSW Under 25 squad from 2003-2005.

Throughout the years, Greg has taken on a number of other duties within the bowling club.

He was a club selector for 6 years, a member of the Development of Bowls Committee, helping to organise annual open days and promoting the game within the local community and also the Chairman of the Junior Bowls Committee organising junior open days and conducting monthly junior tournaments.

Greg had gained a wealth of experience in the administration of bowls and that coupled with his formal qualifications, held him in good stead when an employment opportunity arose in 2004 to join the Royal NSW Bowling Association as the Sports Development Officer. Greg also managed the expanding RNSWBA Sports Development Team.



When the CEO's position became vacant in late 2007, Greg was well equipped to step into the role at short notice in an acting capacity.

After performing the role for some 6 months in an acting capacity, Greg was formally appointed CEO of the RNSWBA at the May Board Meeting to become its youngest CEO at the age of 27.

Greg acknowledges the major influence the Engadine Bowling Club and its members have had on his career both personally and professionally, having been actively involved in the club for close to 18 years.

We, in turn, take great pride  
in acknowledging Greg Helm  
as a member of our Club

## 2009

Pam Hockings and Greg Helm have created history for Engadine – Pam being elected to the Executive of NSWWBA and Greg being appointed CEO of the Royal NSW Bowling Association. This is ANOTHER MILESTONE!

Pam Hockings' return to Engadine was welcomed by members aware of her ability and experience. Pam's bowling career began at the Club in 1990 where she came under the eye of Jim Dwyer who recognised her potential. Determination and constant practice resulted in Pam winning the Women's Bowling Club Major Singles in 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1999, plus the District Singles in 2000.

In 1997 Pam was the first Engadine lady bowler to represent N.S.W. and toward the end of 2002 Pam transferred to St. John's Park Club where she enjoyed many successes playing in their No. 1 Pennant Team, 2003 through 2008 - winning State Flags in 2005 and 2006. In 2007 Pam was a member of the team which won the State Triples. During that time Pam represented NSW on a further 15 occasions.

In 2008 Pam was elected Vice President, N.S.W.W.B.A and accepted the position of N.S.W. Team Manager. Pam's position in the Association has allowed her to expand her interest and knowledge of women's bowling. Pam's skipped a No.1 Pennant Team in the recently completed State Play Off.



Bowls Co-Ordinator, Shane Garvey, outlined the reasons for playing the Premier League Competition and the State Pennant Season at different times of the year. Shane is a Premier League Skip and a member of Premier League's Controlling Body:

"It was decided Premier League should be a stand alone fixture allowing those players to represent in No. 1 State Pennant - considered a 'blue ribbon' competition. This action will in turn raise the level of performance through all grades."



George Brown Hunter, born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1927 remains one of the very few Foundation Members. Rae joined George on the greens in the mid 60's and both regularly attend the Club. They are regular lunchtime diners and Rae loves a "flutter".

George worked as a barman in the Club's early days and also served on various committees. George was also a member of several Pennant winning teams. George and Rae were very active in mixed bowls until recent years. They also make it a habit of celebrating their major family and special occasions at the Club.

Every Club must have a core of loyal, personable and genuine members of the calibre of George. George is a gentleman and a true friend to all who know him well. We are blessed he is one of us.



Recently updated Club facilities have boosted the enjoyment and entertainment for patrons at "The Bowlo". Our Function Centre seating up to 150 has undergone a face lift. Management recognised the need to make it an attractive venue to ensure forward bookings. Functions Co-Ordinator, Lisa Clinch and Chef, Colin Smith have prepared a variety of menus to suit every occasion.

The Top of the Shire Men's Triples failed to attract sufficient entries this year. Initiated in 1973 this tournament had been a huge success for 35 years. In these modern times there are an abundance of attractive tournaments carrying considerable prize money throughout the State - and bowling calendars are crowded. Top shelf performers are contracted to play Premier League and No.1 Pennants for their

club and most of these are the younger brigade and still in the workforce. The combination of work and lawn bowls demands very full weeks for the greater part of the year. It may well be the 'Top of the Shire Triples Tournament' at Engadine has become an event of the past!

The Women's Bowling Club No.1 Pennant Team won their District Championship for the 8th consecutive season. They were successful at Group level and played in the State Finals finishing a creditable 4th. Cheryl Harrison and Vi Noakes won their 3rd District Pairs Championship in as many years and followed up winning at Group level. They will play the State Finals in September. Heather Abernethy, Lynne Cole and Joan Thomas were successful in the District Triples for their second win in this event. Cheryl Harrison was selected to play for City against Country in the annual Over 60's Championship.



Pictured are Chris Keep and Cheryl Harrison who share a healthy rivalry relating to Singles Competition. 2008 Cheryl was runner-up to Fay Cooper in the Women's Club Singles Championship. In the same year Cheryl defeated Chris in the District Singles final.

2009 Chris won the District Singles championship beating Cheryl in that final. Cheryl followed that by reaching the quarter final of the Champion of Club Champions. Great bowling by both ladies and the promise of much more to come.

Outstanding achievements from our ladies are surely noteworthy but not at all surprising. On June 29 they displayed the quality which has long identified their willingness to assist the community when called upon. The ladies conducted a carnival to raise funds to assist Josh Gibson. Joshua, a 7 year old was born with Epidermolysis Bullosa (fragile skin) which requires constant and expensive treatment. The day resulted in an outstanding success when \$2000 was raised. Josh, his brother Sam and his mum came along in the afternoon and were delighted to receive the cheque.

Engadine Men's Bowling Club entered 8 teams in the State Pennant Competition. No.1's and No.6's won their Zone and will compete for the State Flag. The No.4's and No.7/1's were runners up at Zone level. Overall Engadine won the Champion Pennant Club - Zone 13 Title and celebrated with a great fun-filled Pennant Appreciation Day on June 13.

David Ferguson, Chris Roberts, Brendon Edwards and Robbie Warren were congratulated on their selection in the NSW Reserve Team to play against Victoria March 4 and 5. Matt Smith again represented in the NSW Under 25 Team. Shane Garvey was selected to represent NSW and Peter Hughes was selected in the Over 60's NSW Side.

In retrospect, Engadine bowlers have fulfilled many of their Mission Goals which began with less than 100 members in 1959. The vision and energy has progressed this Club to in excess of 6000 members and is well recognised for achievement.

25 years organising and leading the Flying/Travelling Bowlers earned the trio of Bill Jackson, Ken Johnson and Arthur McLean a well deserved 'put your feet up'. Stepping into their shoes is the team of Barry Osborne, Ross Thompson and Bob Styles. Their first planned trip will be to Sussex Inlet and is set for late October this year.

Keith Pickering retired after 30 years as Greenkeeper. Workmates and many friends gathered on Wednesday, July 29 to wish Keith a happy and well deserved retirement.

It was decided to make the cut-off date July 31, 2009. This decision was made to ensure the History would be completed, printed and available by the actual Anniversary date.

As we prepare to close this FIRST HALF CENTURY, we are mindful of great moments, fond memories and occasional sad reflections.

The huge change from a chook shed to a modern vibrant club, is held together by a common thread. That thread may be stretched, scorched and tested to the limit, but remains unbroken. The thread is woven from the dedication and selfless contributions of caring members. Further, the loyalty and application from management and staff has added a special ingredient ensuring the consistency for the future of Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club.

We cannot complete this document without reference to all who have accepted the role of 'welfare person'. This position, occasionally vacant but always in demand, requires great courage and compassion and loads of understanding.

Only those who have been touched by these selfless people can really appreciate the value of a phone call, a visit or simply a listening ear, all Engadine Bowling Club members say THANK YOU.





## FROM THE MEN'S BOWLING CLUB PRESIDENT

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50 years ago the Engadine Bowling Club was born. From humble beginnings the “chook shed” developed into today’s modern club supporting over 350 male and female bowlers and 5600 social members.

They were men and women of vision who over time developed 3 excellent greens and instigated many initiatives that keep Engadine at the forefront of bowls in N.S.W.

I am certain that at times there were difficulties and differences of opinion but had these stalwarts from the past accepted mediocrity then perhaps this club would not be as strong and resilient as it is today. The wonderful history penned by Peter Paterson will undoubtedly recognise these early achievers and their exploits.

It is now our role to continue that progress and ensure that the Club has the playing resources and amenities to compete at the highest level. It is imperative that we retain our strength and build on our successes at Grade 1 level both Men and Women over recent years.

Winning the Club Championship this year highlighted the depth of our Club’s playing roster. We must continue to attract quality players and provide them with the opportunity to compete in elite competitions if we are to achieve the goals and objectives of our Mission Statement. If you’re strong at the top, it cascades down the line and this year we had the opportunity to take out a number of titles because of this philosophy.

Another important ingredient in the success and standing of a Club is its ability to include all of its members and provide competitive and social bowls for all skill levels. Again our predecessors have set the platform and we have diligently followed in their footsteps.

The rapport between the Men’s and Ladies’ Bowling Clubs is outstanding and the testament to that is the attendance of the highly successful monthly Wine and Dine, the annual Skirts and Flirts Challenge, mixed championships and mixed social bowls.

All of these elements have been woven into the Engadine fabric over the past 50 years and it will be our aim to develop and plan for our future success and lay the foundation for the next 50 outstanding years.

I am a very proud Engadine Men’s Bowling Club President.

**BRUCE TURPIN**

# FROM THE WOMEN'S BOWLING CLUB PRESIDENT

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Success is a small word with a large and varied meaning. At Engadine success can be measured in different ways. If it's by the number of titles won at Club, District and State level we tick all the boxes.

3 years ago we won every grade at District level. 2 years ago our No. 1 Pennant Team was runner up in the State No. 1 Pennant Play off. This year our No. 1 Women are off to Coffs Harbour - having won through to the State Play offs once again. Win or lose we will be extremely committed and will endeavour to represent our club with pride.

This year our ladies won the District Singles, Pairs, Triples and No. 1 Pennant, as well as the James Wall Shield. We are no doubt extremely competitive and support all Club and District events.

That's one measure of our success. Another is the way in which we maintain our standards off the green.

We nurture our new bowlers who join our Club, in every aspect of the game. These new bowlers are hopefully the champions of the future - the bowlers who over the next decade or so will keep Engadine at the forefront of the game. We offer them the same friendship and support we all enjoy and our hard working, dedicated coaches are always on hand to assist whenever required to do so.

As we are all aware, most clubs are suffering a decline in their membership numbers. At Engadine, partly due to the Probus Clubs and our Recruitment days, we are increasing our numbers and unearthing the bowlers of the future. By increasing our members we will maintain our record as the most successful club in the Shire.

This year is my 2nd as President of the Engadine Women's Bowling Club - a position I feel is a great honour and a challenge. The challenge is to maintain the standards set by presidents before me and encourage all members to achieve their very best. By working together for the betterment of the Club we will continue to enjoy our position at the forefront of District bowls.

50 years ago our Club was founded by a group of men with a lot of foresight. They did the groundwork for this great Club and it is now up to us to ensure we maintain their legacy and work towards another 50 successful years.

**VENICE JENKIN**

## FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

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I am very proud to be the General Manager at the time of Engadine Bowling & Recreation Club's 50th Anniversary year.

I take this opportunity to express my views of the major issues which arose during my 12 years at the Club.

The greatest concern this Club and the club industry in general has - is the decision to place poker machines in hotels. Individual greed replaced community needs. Poker machines in hotels initiated the decline in patronage and subsequent closure of many small clubs, particularly bowling clubs, whilst adding to the huge spike in problem gambling.

Allowing poker machines in hotels did not achieve the Government's goal of saving country hotels and the individual publican. Hotels have been stripped from country towns for their poker machine licenses and a few large corporations and individuals now control most of the poker machines in hotels in NSW. I understand the need to control an industry promoting gambling and alcohol. However, I have observed state and federal governments lurching from one knee-jerk reaction to another as small but vocal, politically savvy groups apply pressure on them.

It would be so easy for a club to look back on its past and wait for the axe to fall. At the Engadine Bowling & Recreation Club we value our past, however, we continually look to the future. Our members have not allowed our bowling clubs to age and reduce in numbers. They have invigorated bowls and made it inter generational.

What has been the highlight of my time at the Engadine Bowling & Recreation Club? Simple, the many friends I have made here at the Club and the Engadine Community as a whole.

Congratulations Engadine Bowling & Recreation Club on your 50th Anniversary!

### GARY BAUDINETTE

## MANAGEMENT

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Gary Baudinette  
General Manager



Peter Hughes  
Operations Manager



Cathy Bedford  
Office Manager

## STAFF WITH OVER 10 YEARS SERVICE

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Patrice Longville  
Supervisor



Brad Kemp  
Supervisor



Lisa Clinch  
Functions Manager



# Board of Directors

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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Alan Westwood  
Chairman

I have always said that it is a privilege to be a member of such a great club as Engadine, but that pales to insignificance when you have the honour of being Chairman at such a momentous time as our 50th Anniversary.

First I would like to thank and congratulate all my predecessors and their boards for they have laid the foundations of a great club, those who were here in the days of Fred Smith would, I am sure, not believe that the "chook house" would have grown to what it is today. In those early days everything was done by voluntary labour, our committee people ran the bar, looked after the greens and did the general repairs and maintenance. Today we still look to voluntary labour to help with club administration and other small tasks but because we have grown into a business with millions of dollars turnover we now employ upwards of forty staff. The Club itself has grown from being just a bowling club to much more with sub clubs that cover sporting activities such as golf, darts, snooker and fishing, also it provides the people of Engadine and their families with a pleasant social facility.

Another pleasing note is that two of our foundation members, Max Lombe and George Hunter can be seen in the club at various times and it should be noted George was still very active in bowls up to the last couple of years.

In this book we have tried to trace the history of Engadine Bowling Club, albeit not a comprehensive study we believe it covers some of the most interesting points.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the sterling efforts of Peter Paterson and his wife Marilyn who have slaved endless hours over the last year to produce the book, also we should not forget the numerous members who provided the information.

It is the intention of myself and my board that we will carry on the great work of our predecessors and ensure that Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club will be here in another 50 years to celebrate its centenary.



Robert Jenkins  
Deputy Chairman



Ron Avis



John Brogan



John Blomfield



Charlie Leman



Ken Rhodes



Lloyd Scanlan



Bruce Turpin



1959 The Chook Shed



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