



# The Hawthorn Herald

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Celebrating our past, enjoying our present, planning our future

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## COMING EVENTS

Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>

Quiz Night 7.30 pm  
Henselite Cup – 6pm start  
Hawthorn vs Woodville at Clearview –  
Christmas Dinner 7.30pm  
Justices Day Cosmo 4's. 1pm start

Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup>

## FROM THE EDITOR

**ROSE MITCHELL**

Not many Australians were surprised when a fortnight ago, the media starting speculating on the next interest rate rise by the Reserve Bank. After all it is an often visited subject. What might have surprised a visitor was that fact the media kept referring to the timing of the announcement as "Melbourne Cup Day". Surely the hallowed Reserve Bank deserved more respect - like "Early November" or "Next Tuesday" but everyone knew the date and no doubt had fleeting thoughts about the timing. Was the bank going to slot something in while the nation was looking the other way and focussed on a horse race?

Next day the nation, many nationals being poorer than the day before, was collectively rocked when the "Which Bank" did what we all know they did and the other banks chimed in. Somehow it wasn't dignified of institutions to be so overt about money grubbing. Marbled halls, sweeping staircases and mezzanine floors were so dignified and had always elicited confidence, oozing a feeling of safe keeping for one's money and firm but fair grants of loans. What had gone wrong? Was it the distance now between banker and customer with the ATM, the electronic transfer and lack of deposit book with its rows of careful numbers?

Banking is so fundamentally part of our society, so solid. The founders of the South Australian Company sought to replicate all that was good in British society in the new land and leave out all that was not. So State interference in religion was out and so was the need for a police force as only law abiding citizens would make up the population. And of course banking was in and named the Bank of South Australia. It arrived on the *Corromandel* in the charge of Edward Stephens who on landing at Glenelg on January 17<sup>th</sup> 1837 promptly pitched his tent on the sand and opened for business. The bank was 27 feet by 14 feet and had been made en route and served also as home for Bank Manager Stephens and his wife and a Methodist church on Sundays. The cash and necessary trappings were secured in a chest and it has been said that whenever Mr Stephens was absence from his premises, Mrs Stephens sat on the bank for safe keeping.

In our little corner of the world, we as a club could remain indifferent to the rate rise as we do not service a debt, thanks to the planning and hard work of those who have gone before us. With the Centenary year only 14 months away, should we not be considering what legacy we want to leave for the next 100 years?

## **REPORTS**

### **VICE PRESIDENT- WOMEN**

### **MYRA MATERNE**

We are planning to have an end of year/Christmas lunch on Thursday December 16th. This will be held in the Boulevard Lounge at the Wallis Cinemas, Mitcham. All ladies of the club are welcome to attend. A sheet listing details about this function will be put on the notice board in the ladies locker room. Please put your name on the list if you wish to attend.

The ladies are contemplating setting up a book stall at the club house to raise funds for the club. This has been done in other clubs and requires minimum effort. Donations of books for sale will be gratefully received. The books will be sold very cheaply, and once purchased can be kept or returned for resale.

Internal tournaments are under way. With more agreeable bowls weather in the next few weeks, it should be easier to get matches played. Good luck everyone. Get self motivated, set goals, and enjoy your bowls.

### **GREENS MANAGER**

### **BERNIE MANSER**

The plinths have now been installed at both ends of A Green, thanks to those who have volunteered for the job. When acknowledging those who worked on the Southern end I omitted mentioning Jack Cronshaw.

We are involved in discussions with Council regarding replacing the plinths on the other greens. The cost of doing this is substantial and will be done over the next couple of years. In the meantime members can help in keeping the edges of the greens in reasonable condition by remembering to avoid standing close to the edge.

Happily the shades on C and D green have at last been installed. We are seeking a grant to cover the cost of installing similar shades for A and B greens. If we are successful with the grant application, they should be installed ready for next season.

The rink booking sheet for tournaments has been up for a couple of weeks and appears to be working without too many complaints. Your co-operation in using the booking system is much appreciated. You may not be allocated the exact rink of your choice but it does provide certainty of access to a rink.

The excellent attendance at practice and the number of internal Club matches being played has tested the greens. So far they have handled the load well.

There will be some green maintenance work undertaken over the break. A final decision on the extent of the work has not yet been made.

Finally, how good are David Sutherland's roses looking?

**HOUSE MANAGER**

**JOHN WHITTLE**

**Wanted**

We need a supply of tins to catch the waste from the barbecue. Fruit tins and similar would be much appreciated.

**CHAIRPERSONS OF SELECTORS  
WOMEN THURSDAY**

**BEV PLOENGES**

Having played 5 games into the season our standings are:-

Premier 2S 6th with 33 points.  
Metro 2S 1st with 42 points

In Premier 2, there are only 6 points between 2nd and 6th position therefore it is fairly tight and we have some hard work ahead of us to lift our position. **Well Done Metro 2S. Keep up the good work.**

The first 2 games were a settling in period, then, unfortunately 1 or 2 players have not been available which affected both divisions so the above results are very good.

Tuesday practices are progressing well with skills for an hour and then team practice. Let's not ease off as we have a long way to go.

Have heard on the \*grapevine\* that players have approached our coaches within the club for advice on their game which is good to hear, they appreciate being asked.

Question-----Are we seeing a new Skip emerging in Metro 2S ????????

Thank you to the women who usually play only on Saturdays and to the men for filling in on Thursdays, greatly appreciated.

**SATURDAY OPEN GENDER**

**VIC MAGOCH**

The results at this stage are not quite what were expected. It looks like the Hawthorn slow-start curse has again hit the club. I think that perhaps the interrupted pre-season and the early unavailability of players has had some effect. This has caused the movement of players in all divisions making team stability very difficult. Further fine tuning is expected with a view to stabilising teams and rinks so we can then get on with the business of winning.

**Results after round 5**

Premier 1 - 8<sup>th</sup> with 26 points  
Metro 1E - 7<sup>th</sup> with 33 points  
Metro 1S - 5<sup>th</sup> with 32 points  
Metro 2W- 9<sup>th</sup> with 24 points  
Metro 3E- 7<sup>th</sup> with 33 points  
Metro 3SW- 7<sup>th</sup> with 36 points  
Metro 4S- 9<sup>th</sup> with 16 points

It is interesting to note that 7 games were lost by 8 shots or less. Had we given that little extra effort with all rinks getting those extra 2 shots, the results would certainly be different. It is so important to make every bowl count.

Thursday practice has again been well supported by players from all teams. It is most pleasing to see people out on the greens attempting the various skill tests and improving their game. The meal after practice isn't bad either!!

Keep up the enthusiasm and positiveness. It will happen!!!

### **WEDNESDAY MEN**

### **GRAHAM DODD**

With the season well underway, the Wednesday Men's Pennants are pushing along quite well with three of the four sides in the top four. All four sides are reasonably settled and with a good turnout for practice on Tuesdays, the results are beginning to show.

Premier 1	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 wins-1 loss
Premier 2 South	7 <sup>th</sup>	2 wins-2 losses
Metro 1 South	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 wins-1 loss
Metro 3 South	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 wins-1 loss

We should improve the results even more leading up to Christmas with the Club Championships and other events assisting players to sharpen their skills!

### **HBC NOTICE BOARD**

Space on the notice board was becoming non existent so the external tournaments notices have been relocated in a folder by the phone outside of the office. If you are looking for a game, have a browse through.

### **Vale Bob Richards-Pugh**

Bob started in Season 1994 / 1995 and played in 341 pennant matches including Round 1 of this season. Sadly we will miss "Shooter" but can take a lead from his example of a true fighting spirit. Our sympathy and thoughts are with Bob's family. The funeral for Bob will be at 2pm this Friday - Blackwell Funerals, 290 Greenhill Road, Glenside.

## Hawthorn funnies

A married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!

A woman has the last word in any argument.  
Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

Calories are the little critters that get into your wardrobe at night and sew your clothes tighter.

A Paraprosdokian sentence is a figure of speech in which the latter part of the sentence is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader to reframe or reinterpret the first part.

Here are some examples:-

I want to die peacefully in my sleep like my grandfather not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

War does not determine who is right – only who is left.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

Dolphins are so smart that within a week of captivity they can train people to stand on the edge of the pool and throw them fish.

Evening news is where they begin with "Good evening" and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

You do not need a parachute to sky dive. You only need a parachute to sky dive twice.

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. My desk is a work station.

How is it that one careless match can start a bush fire but it takes a whole box full to start a camp fire?

### Lipstick in School (You've got to love this Headmistress

According to a news report, a certain private school in Newcastle upon Tyne was recently faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom.

That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Every night the maintenance man would remove them and the next day the girls would put them back. Finally the Headmistress decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night. (you can just imagine the yawns from the little Georgie 'Princesses').

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

There are teachers.....and then there are educators.

### The Advertiser June 4<sup>th</sup> 1860

"On Saturday the archers match between the Adelaide and Melbourne Clubs came off on the grounds in front of the collegiate school. There were about 20 lady archers with their bows and arrows and about the same number of men as the match continued till near sundown. The scene during the day was most picturesque and animating. Ladies who were attired in tasteful costumes of brilliant and various colours presented as they ranged up in line and as they moved to and fro over the green sward between the two targets, a life-picture of grace and beauty not often realised nor easily excelled."

*Just like Thursdays and Saturdays in summer at any bowling club isn't it?*