



The Wattle

A newsletter for Pennant Hills Women Bowlers

Latest news from the Ladies Club

March 2020

Welcome ladies to the March 2020 edition of **The Wattle**. Yes I do know we are in April. I just thought I had better do a catch up edition. These are certainly strange times we are living in & I just wanted to touch base with all our great members & say a big “HI” to everyone.

The big question we always ask is **Wattle** we possibly be discussing in this edition. Well surprise, surprise not too much about bowling events but somehow we always manage to find something to say. As we all know, we have had instructions from WBNSW concerning the postponing of all bowls events, including competitions, social bowls & roll ups etc & also notification from Seven Hills RSL re the temporary closure of our club.

Now that hasn't stopped one of our lovely lady bowlers from continuing with her bowls as can be seen from the picture below. Nothing like converting one's lounge into an indoor bowling rink!!!

Clever thinking!!!



Fingers crossed we also get to run our signature event- **The Wattle Carnival**. This was due to run on Monday 27 July 2020 & it had been decided it would be a mixed Carnival which will definitely make it lots of fun. Hopefully this will attract teams from other clubs as well. I personally love showing off our great clubhouse & greens.

Also Pennant Hills Ladies Club will be hosting the **North Western Zone Saturday Morning Triples** for the first time & due to commence on 22 August 2020. This runs for 5 weeks with 8.30am start & finish time of 12.00pm. Of course these two events are not confirmed due to the Covid -19 restrictions.

Now on a lighter note, I've included some funnies which I'm sure most of you may have seen but I think we all need a few laughs during these difficult times.



Have you ever thought back to the beginnings of the Pennant Hills Women's Bowling Club? Well as a lover of history I thought I would take you back in time & give you a very brief story.

Charles Fraser purchased the "Hopetoun" Poultry Farm (6 Acres) between 1910 & 1915 &, till then, two & a half acres were given over to an excellent modern poultry farm producing eggs for the City Markets, two & a half acres to an orchard, growing citrus, apples, persimmons, pears & other summer fruits & one acre was for a house & garden now known as "Lillian Fraser Gardens". Lillian offered her garden to Hornsby Shire Council in March 1982 to be enjoyed as a public garden & park. The gardens are now a show piece of the Pennant Hills community.

Over the years much of the rest of the property was sold or subjected to sub-division mostly for residential lots, some for Church & Pennant Hills Public School (1966).

In 1961 the women accepted the offer of a piece of land which was part of a poultry farm (then owned by a local Polish family).

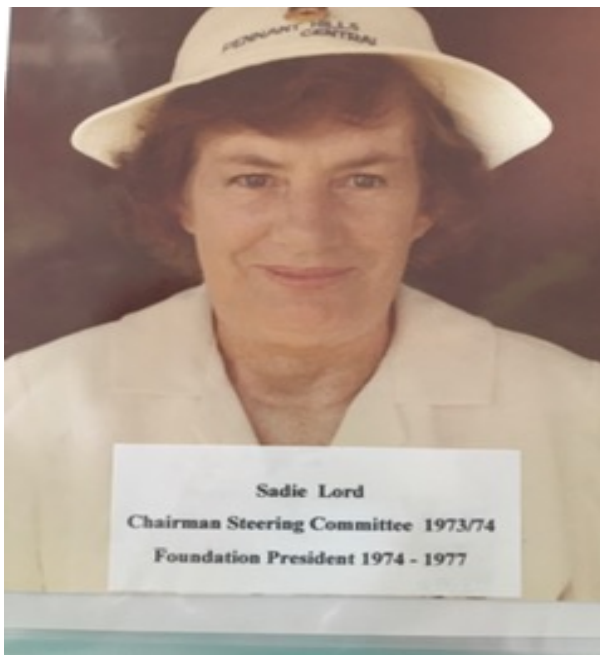
The land was on loan as long as required by the Ladies Bowling Club, now Swan Place near the corner of Boundary Road & Bellamy St adjacent to Pennant Hills High School.

The Pennant Hills Women's Bowling Club was getting close to starting to play on its first green & thinking about a clubhouse with Sadie Lord as President towards the end of 1962.

The existing poultry sheds were renovated into their Clubhouse & one bowling green was established with an entry from Boundary Road.

An extraordinary meeting was held by the members of the Pennant Hills Bowling Club on 25 March 1974. The members voted overwhelmingly for the ladies to become Associate members of the Pennant Hills Bowling Club (130 for with only 5 against). This was the beginning of the move of the Ladies Bowling Club into the Club & the closure of the ladies own bowling club off Boundary Road.

On 6 May 1974 Sadie Lord was re-elected as President.



A Ladies Club contribution to the whole Club within Bowling Clubs was & is beyond compare. The Pennant Hills (Central Women's Bowling Club) was & is no exception. Right from their entry into the Club they worked hard towards the progress of the Club. Raising funds & contributing to the wonderful facilities & services of the Club.

(Extracts from "A story of Pennant Hills Bowling Club-1948 – 2012" Author Kevin J Brown)

We are so lucky in this day & age to have many ways to contact our fellow bowlers, so why not call, email or text each other. We may not be able to see each other but the contact from someone is lovely.

Well that's it for now. Keep well & obey our new restrictions. That way we may all be back together again soon.

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Cheers, Karen



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