



## Bulletin 27 of 19th of January 2023

### Update on Tomaree Hospital Palliative Care Garden Project

by PP Doug Craike



The small images shown above give the form of the Garden proposed. It will be a great facility for the hospital and our community. Earthworks will be required to configure the area with the addition of fill. The laying of a block wall provides shape to the space. This work has already been planned. A concreter has been engaged to lay the floor area approximately 4.2m of concrete. Pavers were more expensive and potentially could create more problems. A quote for the central awning shown in the picture has been sought. The actual commencement date will be soon, and the club will be having a weekly update on progress.

The next issues relate to sponsorship and promotion.

Doug has suggested a 3 trier sponsorship.

1. Family/ Individual sponsorship
2. Community Groups
3. Cooperative Business

An explanatory brochure is just about ready to go, to be used in promotion. Geoff Robinson is going to be looking after the sponsorship side, and suggestions should be advised to him. Others will need to be involved as this moves along. Sponsors will get their name placed on the wall of the garden. How much the contribution should be for this to happen, is to be finalised, but the wall does have a lot of space.

The suggestion was made, and agreed, that businesses may not wish to give cash but might be prepared to donate their time or product. We already have pledges from Bunnings in this regard.

Some ideas on Publicity.

Mention on our website. On Facebook. Perhaps get a photo of the turning of the first sod, to get interest once project has commenced. We could also have a sign at Bunnings BBQs, and wherever we are working, to advise that this will be our main project for the year.

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#### Over 2 weeks 26th to 9th Birthdays

Ella Clarke 26th January  
Helga Grieter 7th of Feb

#### Anniversaries

Geoff & Denise on 21st of January.

Warwick Christine Mathieson 2nd of Feb.

Brian & Heather Perry-Comley on 4th of Feb.

#### Heads and Tails

Richard Turner

#### Raffle Winner:

**Geoff Robinson** who drew the 8 of spades from the pack allowing the jackpot to grow. Prize increases by \$10 each week.

Geoff says he will have no trouble providing a short 3 minute talk next meeting.

#### Next meeting

**The next meeting will not be next week due to coinciding with Australia Day.**

#### Next meeting: Thursday 2nd of February.

Next Board meeting is the 8th of February where we will look out the club program.

**Door Duty: Doug Craike**  
**Grace: Ian Brigden**  
**Bulletin: Phil Smith**  
**Binoculars: Dieter G.**

**Meals to be ordered by Members in the Bistro prior to meeting commencement  
\$5 fee to be paid at the door.**



## BBQ schedule.

The Next Bunnings BBQ is going to be 4th of February  
The roster of duties has already been advised. If there are changes please make them individually and advise Don W. or John S. who is the coordinator for the day.

This should be another great opportunity to make some more funds for the club programs. The club has been invited to cater again at a Bunnings Family night in March.

## Binoculars

In the last Bulletin it was advised how successful the binoculars had been over summer raising \$600 so far. In the last week another \$100 has been collected by Dieter. Thankfully no vandalism has taken place recently. The reinforcement to the housing did not act as a sufficient deterrent, but a sign which advises that collections take place every day, so minimal money is present, has been more effective.

Some discussion about trying a tracking device on the money box took place but the idea is not likely to be effective, and was not adopted.



## Lesley's 3 minute talk on Boyces Trail and Tin City.

Member Lesley who enjoys bush waking/hiking advised of the walk down Boyces Trail to Stockton Beach and then trekking the beach to Tin City. The starting point adjacent to Nelson Bay Road takes a path through bush land, 1km, before coming to the actual dunes. The spectacular view is confronting with sand hills stretching away as far as the eye can see. The unprepared might also have some difficulty on their return, if they have not made some reference to where to go back. When looking back at the dunes from the beach there are no indicators of at which point to start. It is about 1km of dunes before the beach is reached. The tin city contains no tin, and started originally in the 1880s to cater to shipwrecked sailors. The waters off the beach claimed many ships and so two huts were placed roughly in the middle of the beach with water and non perishable food. During the depression the number of huts expanded to 36, but today only 12 remain. No new huts can be built and although they are not actually owned they can be passed down family lines. 2 huts are permanently occupied and have most of the modern conveniences (solar power and spearpoints) The main enemy is sand which is constantly shifting, and the huts must be regularly excavated, to avoid them disappearing into it. Lesley says it is a 3 hour round trip without too much rushing. She has not got lost yet, and could act as a guide for others who might like to try the journey.



## A couple of other points

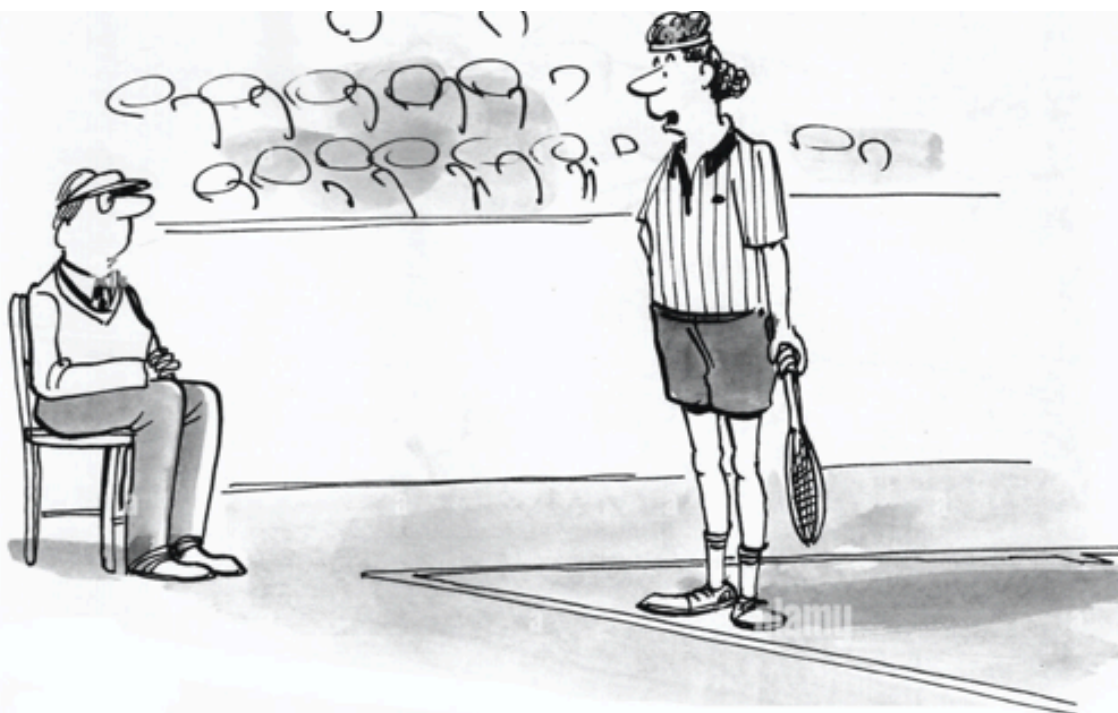
The District Conference as was advised last week in the Bulletin, and through a direct email from DG Neville Parsons needs to have numbers by this weekend . It is not too late to attend this conference which will be in Tamworth from 24-26th of March.

The clubs dues to R.I have been paid and the district payments are in the process of being made.

Lesley had a birthday and provided everyone with some birthday cake. The thought was that this was a good idea, and there should be more of us do the same. Thanks Lesley and I hope you start a trend.

## The Back Page

The Australian Tennis Open is on at he moment. Those who like to watch it might have some late nights. The players will always have their moments with the umpires decisions.



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