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GENERAL RULES

AT CAMDEN BOWLING CLUB



Our Club and Greens are managed and are maintained to a high standard for your use and enjoyment. You can assist in keeping this high standard by:

- 1. Bowls shoes or thongs (roll ups only) to be worn on greens
- 2. Bowling the bowls ensuring no damage to the greens
- 3. No running or skipping on the greens
- 4. Stepping in or walking in the sand ditches is NOT permitted
- 5. No sitting on the banks or standing close to the plinths
- 6. Smoking is not permitted on the greens or surrounds
- 7. Drinking and eating is NOT permitted on the greens
- 8. Roll ups are only permitted outside of organised event times and not before 10 am and on the furthest available rink
- 9. Children are to be supervised by a Member at all times

BOWLING GREENS ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY







MIXED MUFTI SOCIAL

Second Friday of Each Month

3 Bowl Triples Pick your team or single entries welcome 9:00 a.m. Start Cost Per Player – \$18 (includes lunch)

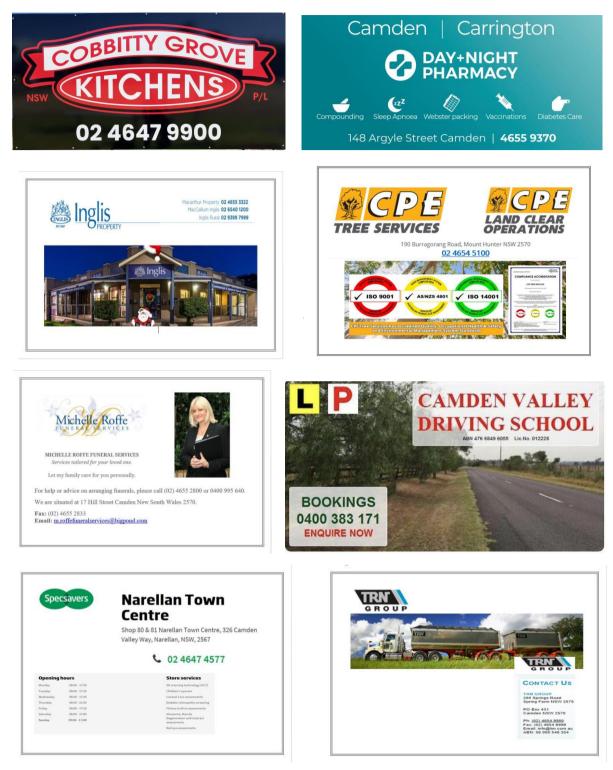




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		FEBRUARY '25
DATE	DAY	EVENT
1	Sat	Open Pennants Round 1
2	Sun	Club Major Pairs Round 1 10am
3	Mon	
4	Tue	Social Bowls am Turn around Triples pm
5	Wed	Social Bowls Women's am
6	Thu	Social Bowls am + pm
7	Fri	Mixed Pairs
8	Sat	Open Pennants Round 2
9	Sun	Club Major Pairs Round 2 10am
10	Mon	
11	Tue	Social Bowls am Turn around Triples pm
12	Wed	Social Bowls Women's am
13	Thu	Social Bowls am + pm
14	Fri	Friendly Friday am / Mixed Pairs
15	Sat	Open Pennants Round 3
16	Sun	Club Major Pairs Quarter Finals 10am
17	Mon	
18	Tue	Social Bowls am Turn around Triples pm
19	Wed	Social Bowls Women's am
20	Thu	Social Bowls am + pm
21	Fri	Mixed Pairs
22	Sat	Open Pennants Round 4
23	Sun	Club Major Pairs S/Finals 9am - Final 1pm
24	Mon	
25	Tue	Social Bowls am Turn around Triples pm
26	Wed	Social Bowls Women's am
27	Thu	Social Bowls am + pm
28	Fri	Mixed Pairs

AROUND THE GREENS

RAZORBACK SHIELD

Awesome effort by our Camden Team tonight in very windy conditions bringing home the Razorback Shield yet again **6666** Huge thank you to Picton for hosting us and for the BBQ.





CAMPBELLTOWN OPEN FOURS



Congratulations to Guy, Kevin, Robbo and Turto. Silver section winners in a very tough event.

NEW MEMBERS



BOB STEPHENSON



GLEN ALCHIN

MEMBER PROFILE – PATRON DR ROB MELLOR

I was born and grew up in Penshurst in the heart of the St George area of Sydney and therefore a lifetime Dragons supporter. I was at the Sydney Cricket Ground for 10 of their grand final wins 1956-66.

I played Junior A-grade tennis and played against Dick Crealy and Ray Ruffles, future Davis Cup players. I was also a handy athlete, mainly a sprinter, but never reached the heights of my cousin Fleur, who passed the baton to Betty Cuthbert to win the gold medal in the Women's Relay at the 1956 Olympics. I also played cricket and football to no great level.

I studied at Sydney University, gaining honours in mathematics, statistics and economics.

After graduating, I moved to Canberra to work for the Bureau of Statistics, designing and analysing sample surveys. For example, I worked on the Work Force Survey, which required a sample of about 60,000 people aged 15+ from the population (then) of about 13 million. This entailed dividing the country up into cities, towns and regional areas, and selecting a random but representative sample from each area. Based on the responses from the sample of people selected, a mathematical process had to be devised to estimate the relevant work force characteristics of the Australian population as a whole, and to produce margins of error associated with such estimates.

I also worked on sample surveys of businesses of various kinds, manufacturing, retail etc, for which again the objective was to produce a representative sample of all relevant businesses in such a way that the required data (stocks, capital expenditure, sales, employment etc) could be derived. These calculations involved complex mathematical formulae, which were initially (1965) carried out on a large (but simple) Mechanical Tabulation Machine, but steadily over the years these calculations were transferred to the newly acquired large scale computers. Whilst in Canberra I played competition squash and social tennis.

The Commonwealth Government had a scholarship scheme for Commonwealth public servants to go overseas to study recent developments in areas of interest to the public service. I was one of the first to apply for a scholarship to do a Doctorate and was successful in obtaining a scholarship to Harvard University, where I spent a very rewarding three and a half years, including developing methods of measuring the accuracy of sample surveys for my Doctorate, plus other course programs.

Harvard boasted a wide range of distinguished academics including Nobel Prize winners and advisors to Presidents (Kissinger, Galbraith, Moynihan), who gave public lectures. There were also lots of visiting dignitaries such as the Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban (an exceptional orator) who carefully explained why the land of Israel was so important to the Jewish people.

On returning to Australia, I resumed working at the Bureau of Statistics in more senior management positions. A highlight was visiting Port Moresby twice in 1975-76 to plan and design a sample of the population of the more significant areas of New Guinea, to collect a range of employment, economic and social characteristics of the population. In the late 1980's the University of Western Sydney established a campus at Campbelltown, and I joined as Head of Mathematics and Computing. Later around 2000, the University combined academic units across the six campuses, and I worked hard to ensure all mathematics and statistics staff across all campuses were included in the one School and I was appointed founding Head and continued in that role until my retirement in 2006. It was very

satisfying to join UWS in its early days, and be able to influence its growth and direction, and help establish tertiary education courses in South-West and Western Sydney.

During my time at UWS, I was also involved in collaborative research with some colleagues, applying statistical methods to a range of areas of business and management.

For example, in a study of new product development, we were able to identify the key characteristics of a firm which made them successful in developing new products. We applied a statistical method called Factor Analysis. This identifies why certain firms are more successful in developing new products.

My research enabled me to publish over sixty papers in international journals, and attend a variety of overseas conferences, including Singapore, Shanghai, Warsaw, Berlin and Istanbul. I was also granted two study leaves as Visiting Professor at University of Warwick (UK, 1990) and Free University of Brussels (1994).

I have been a member of the Statistical Society of Australia for over sixty years, and held executive positions in the NSW and ACT Branches, as well as the Central Council.

I came to Camden in1986 to join the University of Western Sydney and played competition tennis at South Camden until my knees gave out. A little later I joined Camden Bowling Club but played bowls in a fairly limited way until I retired in 2006. I then joined the Match Committee, and was Chair for 9 years, and Assistant Bowls Organiser for 5 years. I was Vice-President for 5 years and President 3 years. Camden Men's Bowling Club conferred on me what I consider my greatest honour, by being made a Life Member of this great club in 2019, and then Patron in 2021. My honours in bowls are limited to winner of the Minor Pairs and Veteran Pairs, and some keyrings and biros, including as Skip in the Club Fours, and Zone Reserve Pairs. I have always enjoyed Pennants and have played most years (all grades 4-7) and won four pennant badges.

In retirement I was fortunate to be able travel widely, in particular to the UK, France, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, Japan, Canada, US, New Zealand, Russia and the Baltic States, and my favourite, Italy (delicious food and wine!).

I look forward to many more years of playing bowls and enjoying the company of members at Camden Bowling Club.





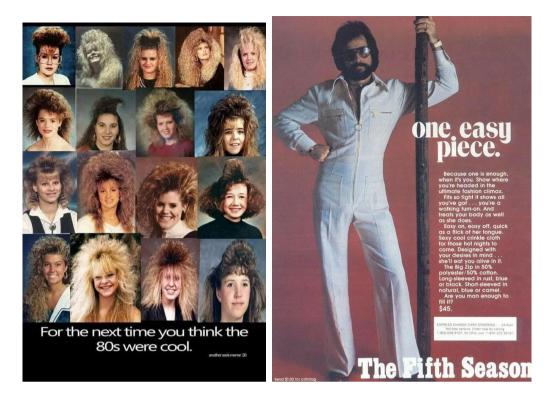




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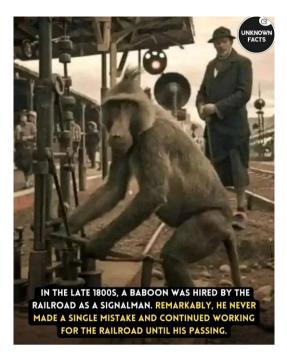
The German Kaiser-class dreadnought battleship SMS Prinzregent Luitpold being towed back to Rosyth, keel uppermost.

This is one of many German ships sunk by her crew in Scapa Flow in 1919 after the fleet surrendered in November 1918.

Although they were scuttled to prevent the Allied forces from using the vessels, some were salvaged and used for scrap metal to manufacture British armaments.

go ahead

find the curved line



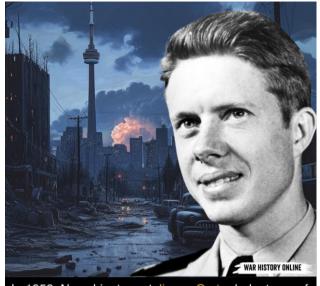
In the late 1800s, a baboon named Jack was employed as a signalman by the Uitenhage railway in South Africa. Jack was the companion of James Wide, a railway worker who had lost both legs in an accident. Wide trained Jack to operate the railway signals with his guidance, and the baboon quickly became exceptionally proficient.

Jack's work was so reliable that he was officially hired by the railway, receiving rations as payment. Over the course of his nine years of service, Jack never made a mistake, remaining a dedicated worker until his passing in 1890. His story is widely remembered as a remarkable example of animal intelligence and collaboration with humans.



Bison are the only animal that turn into a snowstorm rather than away from it because they instinctively know that walking into the storm will get them out of the weather quicker. There may be a life lesson for humans in this. It also makes for some epic pictures.

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In 1952, Navy Lieutenant Jimmy Carter led a team of nuclear scientists tasked with disassembling a Canadian nuclear reactor that was in the midst of a meltdown. Carter, along with others, personally lowered himself into the reactor to take it apart by hand, exposing himself to radiation levels a thousand times higher than what was considered safe.

RON HOWARD'S VW



Ron Howard with his 1970 Volkswagen Bug. Howard purchased the car new in 1970 at age 16, and it was his first car. He drove the VW until 1976ish, when he got rid of it. A few years ago, Howard's brother-in-law found it in Redding, California, where Howard has a lot of relatives.

The person who had it was using it to deliver eggs, and it still had Ron Howard's college sticker on it. Howard's brother-in-law repurchased it, replaced the engine, and shipped it

back to Howard. Today, Howard drives it regularly and says it is the only car he has ever loved. He credits his father for giving him common sense as a teenager with money and buying a Volkswagen instead of a Corvette.



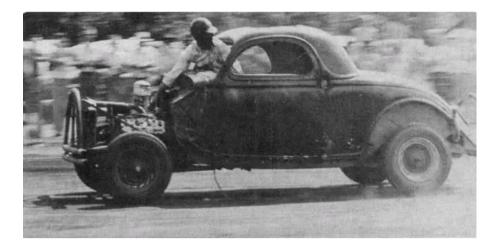
Removing spent shell casings from a B-17 after a completed mission



Driving in Houston, Texas is not for the faint of heart!

Hisashimichi interchange situated in Hachioji, near Tokyo, Japan 💌





On June 4, 1950, Vittie Cothron etched his name into stock car racing lore with an incredible display of ingenuity and determination. Driving his 1936 Ford Coupe in a competitive race, Vittie encountered a serious problem on the final lap: the accelerator linkage fell off, leaving his car unable to maintain speed. For most drivers, this would have ended their race. But not for Vittie.

Quick on his feet and even quicker in his thinking, Vittie came up with a daring solution. He reached through the windshield with his right hand to manually hold the carburettor open, using his left hand to steer the car. With remarkable skill and composure, he navigated the track, maintaining enough speed to secure a third-place finish. It wasn't just a mechanical improvisation; it was a testament to his resilience and refusal to give up, even under the most challenging circumstances.

Vittie's resourcefulness turned what could have been a disheartening setback into a story of grit and creativity. His unconventional approach became a vivid example of the problem-solving spirit that defines racing and the people who love it. It wasn't just about the finish line—it was about finding a way to keep going, no matter what obstacles stood in the way. This unforgettable moment reminds us that success often comes down to our ability to adapt when things don't go as planned. "When the tools you rely on fail, let determination and ingenuity be the fuel that carries you forward."

2 MILLION KLM COROLLA



New Zealand Man's 1993 Toyota Corolla Hits 2 Million Kilometers <mark>Milestone</mark>

A man in New Zealand has created a record of sorts. The car he bought in 1993 - a Toyota Corolla - has clocked more than two million kilometres. And, surprisingly, the car is still running efficiently. According to New Zealand Herald, 72-year-old Graeme Hebley noticed the milestone mark in March and believes it will run "forever". Mr Hebley has been working as a newspaper delivery contractor since the 1960s, the Herald report further said. He purchased the car in the year 2000 when it had only 80,000 kilometres on the odometer. Mr Hebley drives from Wellington to New Plymouth and back six days a week. This means the car runs 5,000 kilometres every week, which requires him to get it serviced every fortnight.

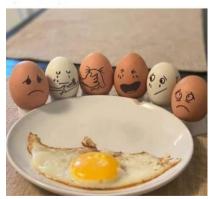
The Corolla, which still has the original engine and transmission, is serviced at Guthrie's Auto Care in Whanganui every two weeks for the last 22 years, according to New Zealand Herald. "I broke down one morning in one of my vans. I rang John Sherman from Guthrie's and he came out and helped me. I have been getting all of my servicing done here since," Mr Hebley was quoted as saying by the Herald.

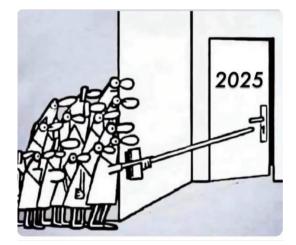
"It was used to deliver chippies in Tokyo before I got it," he further said.

The only major changes in the car's two-decade-long journey are cambelt - which has been replaced 20 times - and wheel bearings. Besides these parts, the car is original, the outlet further said.

FINNES

He died last fry day. Thank God he wasn't beaten. Don't worry, he went over easy. He's now on the sunny side. He's definitely in a better plate.







The boat used as the S.S. Minnow in Gilligan's Island was a 1964 Wheeler with a cruising speed of 12 knots, which means they couldn't have traveled more than 41.5 miles. Honestly I'm starting to doubt if the show was even real.









"Well, I've got good gnus and I've got bad gnus."





Kids exploring ancient ruins







Never argue with stupid people, they will drag you down to their level and then beat you with experience.

MARK TWAIN

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A man sees his wife is busy in the kitchen and says"Can I help?" She says, "Sure, take this bag of potatoes,peel half of them and put them in a pot to boil." No matter what men do, somehow, we still get yelled at...





If only there had been something to prevent this

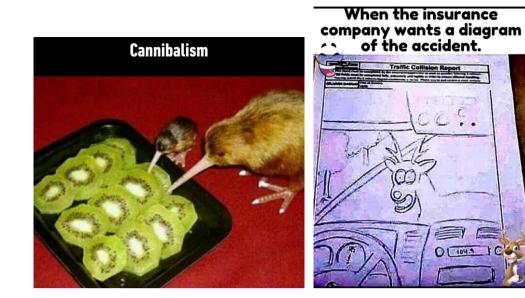


Tip of the day: If you're pouring concrete near a pond that has ducks, it's not a good idea to let the whole crew go to lunch at the same time





knee. We didn't have internet then so I'm telling you now.



YOGA



When the teacher asks us to mark each other's paper



Men will be Men 😂



Husband: My heart is paining, call the doctor immediately, Fast!

Wife: Ok dear, stay calm, tell me your mobile password.

Husband: Wait. No need, I'm feeling better now.



My wife said, "For Christmas, take \$200 and buy me a Nativity set and if there's anything left over you can spend it on fishing stuff!"



Well, this is awkward...

Friend: You have failed in english exam

Me:



Here is the proof "Earth is Flat"





WHEN YOU REALIZE YOU ARE YOUR FAMILY'S COUSIN EDDIE









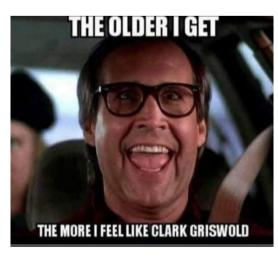
this is what you think "charging" a car is



this is what I think "charging" a car is



we are not the same





BE DECISIVE. THE ROAD OF LIFE IS PAVED WITH FLAT SQUIRRELS WHO COULDN'T MAKE A DECISION.

How concentrated milk is made



A group of chaps, all aged 40, discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge, because the waitresses had big breasts and wore mini-skirts.

Ten years later, at age 50, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch.

Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge, because the waitresses were attractive. The food and service was good and the beer selection was excellent.

Ten years later, at age 60, the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge, because there was plenty of parking, they could dine in peace and quiet with no loud music, and it was good value for money.

Ten years later, at age 70, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge, because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had a toilet for the disabled.

Ten years later, at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge, because they had never been there before.

FUNNY OF THE MONTH

This was from back when my mom and I used to go running together.



DAD JOKES

Life after 40: You can't remember where you parked,

but you can remember all the lyrics to '80s hits.

If you're worried about getting the bird flu, you don't have to. I've heard it's completely tweetable.

2 A sandwich walks into a bar and orders a drink.... The bartender says "sorry we don't serve food here."

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There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator.

Only a fraction of people will find this funny.

Archaeologists digging in a pyramid in Egypt have found a mummy covered in chocolate and hazelnuts, and believe it to be Pharaoh Rocher.

People who get fired from the unemployment office still have to show up the next day.

For sale Dead canary Not going cheap. I got pulled over by the police last night, They asked me where I was between 6 and 11 I told them I was in iunior school.

Dad joke: Went swimming today. Peed in the deep end. Lifeguard saw it. Blew his whistle so loud I almost fell in.

They said follow your dreams, so I went back to bed. 🍰

Apologies to the folks we used to judge for eating dinner at 5 and being in bed by 9. You guys were really on to something.

My wife called to tell me she saw a fox on the way to work.

I asked her how she knew it was on its way to work. She hung up on me.





MANNUAL COWRA	THE SERVICEMENS CLUB BAREFOOT BOWLS		
OPEN FESTIVAL FOURS	AT THE BRAIDWOOD SERVICEMENS CLU		
\$20,000 PRIZEMONEY Mon 3 rd to Thu 6 th March 2025 Six (6) rounds x 21 ends of Open 4's commencing at 1.00pm Mon 3 rd &	Over 6 weeks! Starting Thursday the 6th of Feb until 13th of March Teams of 3 people Everyone is welcome - All Ages & Skill Levels! Sponsored by Braidwood Community Bank in conjunction		
finishing with the presentation on Thursday afternoon the 6 th . Entry Fee: S500 per Team (inc. lunch Tue, Wed & Thu)	with Braidwood Servicemen's Club		
Entries Close: Mon 24 th February 2025 – Maximum of 42 Teams 1 ⁴⁷ S6000 per Team	\$2,800 IN PRIZE MONEY!		
2 ⁴⁴⁰ \$4000 per Team			
3 ^m \$2500 per Team 4 ^m \$2000 per Team 5 ^m - 7 ^m \$1000 per Team 8 ^m - 10 ^m \$500 per Team	\$150 EACH WEEK LUCKY RINK/TEAM DRAW \$150 BEST WIN EACH WEEK Overall Winners \$600 Overall 2ND \$300, Overall 3RD \$150		
Drawing Comp \$500 (Mon) - Driving Comp \$500 (Tue) (Entry included in	Sign up by contacting The Club office on 4842 2108 or Contac		
nomination fee - Tournament Players only] Brekkie (hacon & egg rolls - 55) at the Club II.00 am Til 5.00 um Tue, Wed & Thu. Morning matches @ 3.00am - Lunch @ 12.00pm - Attendon matches @ 1.00pm To Register: Contact Our Bowls Secretary Gob Morgan on	Tom Walson on 0447 720 588 or send a message to the Bradwood Bowling Club Facebook Page 5.30pm for 6pm start		
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LABOUR DAY OPEN 4's Monday 10th March, 2025 proudly sponsored by PETERS MITRE 10 3 Games of 12 ends; two bowls per player.

Club or Team uniform 9.30am start, Lunch provided

Special detary requirements need to be made at least 4 days in advance of tournament.
Entry fee: \$120.00 per team Cash payment on the day please.
Bacon & Eggs rolls from 8.30am (gold coin donation)
Registration by 9.00am Roll up at 9.45am

1st Prize: \$1000.00 2nd Prize: \$600.00

Best Last Game: \$200.00

To ensure a team entry please contact: Warren at <u>bowlsdirector@auburnbowls.org.au</u> with: Team Name or Club, Contact Person, Phone number & Email address. Entries will be confirmed by email or text.



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8:30AM ARRIVAL 8:45AM START	\$2.000					
4 GAMES × 10 ENDS	92,000					
3 x BOWL PAIRS	1st \$600					
NO DEAD ENDS RESPOT ON T	2nd \$400					
LUNCH INCLUDED	3rd \$300					
WINNERS DECIDED ON WINS	4th \$200					
+ MARGIN	5th \$100					
	PLUS 4 x ROUND WINNERS					
ENTRY \$50.00 FEE PER TEAM	\$100.00 PER TEAM					
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