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- Christmas Party
- Mobile Telecommunications towers
- Heritage status for Mount Lawley residents in the City of Bayswater
- Mount Lawley Society membership linkage with the Mount Lawley bowling club

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Move to New Headquarters

As reported in the August 2000 issue of Mt Lawley Matters, the Mount Lawley Society has now completed its move from the old dining room of the City of Stirling's community centre at 11 Alvan Street to the refurbished Mount Lawley Bowling Club in Rookwood Street.

The Society has paid affiliate membership fees on behalf of its members so that they can access the splendid Mount Lawley Bowling Club facilities. As stated by the Mount Lawley Bowling Club, the key to maximising the benefit of the facilities of the Mount Lawley Bowling Club is usage; usage of the ex-

isting facilities by all our members.

The Committee meets at 8 pm on the first Monday of each month (second Monday if the first is a public holiday) and these meetings will now be held at the Mount Lawley Bowling Club premises in Rookwood Street Mount Lawley. The Club telephone number is 9370 5070

Many thanks to the Mount Lawley Bowling Club and in particular its President, Alan Evans, Snr Vice President Emil D'Aurigo, and to Alan Graham, Hir-

ing Officer, for their cooperation in welcoming us to our new meeting place.

We look forward to a



Mount Lawley Bowling Club

long and productive relationship with the Mount Lawley Bowling Club, to sharing its splendid facilities, and to joining in with the local community for mutual benefit and enjoyment.

Mobile Communication Towers

The Society has lobbied vigorously against the spreading blight of telephone towers in our heritage suburb. The proposal for a base tower on the roof of Temple David in 34 Clifton Crescent in June 1999 created community outrage. There is growing evidence of health

risk from radiation from these towers, and the potential for future health problems where these towers are situated in residential areas, close to homes, schools, hospitals and child daycare centres cannot be ruled out. In addition they are conspicuous and unless carefully designed can be a visual insult to a heritage neighbourhood.

More recently there has been a proposal to extend the existing tower erected near the Knutsford Arms Hotel. In addition, a proposal for a new tower atop of St David's Nursing Home in Lawley Crescent adjacent to Perth College has again attracted strong community condemnation.

MENORA, COOLBINIA & MOUNT LAWLEY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION INC

This year has been a fairly quiet year for the Ratepayers' Association.

With a lot of hard work done in the previous years with the retention of the Covenants in the Menora and Coolbinia areas, we have enjoyed a year without the pressures of having to raise funds for lawyers' bills and many extra meetings within the Committee.

We have been meeting every second month since June and have been kept informed by our Stirling councillors Trevor Clarey and Rod Willox.

The year 2001 will be fairly busy with a council election and a state election looming.

We look forward to seeing members at our meetings which are held every second month.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th February at 7:45 pm at the Alexander Park Tennis Club.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone the best for the holidays and a prosperous 2001

Mandy Kyras

New Planning Appeals Bill and Heritage Bill

The Mount Lawley Society has been examining these draft Bills which received a Second Reading in the State Parliament in June 1999.

The Planning Appeals Bill seeks to review the existing planning appeals systems by abolishing the existing tribunal and ministerial planning systems. It is a concern, however, that the new system will preserve for the Minister the power to control the appointment of Appeal Assessors, so removing the independence, and freedom from

bias, of the existing tribunal system, it retains for the Minister the general power to intervene in ap-



peals and to give rulings on appeals. This introduces a political element of decision making into what should be an independent expert function.

The Heritage Bill also received its

second reading in June 1999. That bill will replace the existing 1990 Act, and seeks to simplify the process for entering places onto the Western Australian Heritage Register. Improved procedures will be introduced for making of conservation and protection orders, and penalties will be increased. There is, however, no indication of better resourcing for the Heritage Council; nor is there any mechanism to assure the community that demolition, without prior heritage system approval, such as that by Main Roads on Guildford Road, will be better controlled under the new provisions

Survey of Mount Lawley Residents within the City of Bayswater

The Mount Lawley Society has received a very positive response from those residents of the suburb of Mount Lawley whose property falls within the City of Bayswater local government area. Most responses to the survey indicated strong support for establishing a Heritage Protection Area to cover

those residents. The Society has conveyed those findings to the City of Bayswater.

The survey also showed strong support for a meeting of residents to discuss some severe traffic problems that are affecting residents.

The City Council has considered

the results of the survey and written to the Society saying:

- Heritage precincts will be revisited as part of the Municipal Heritage Inventory review.
- The imposition of further guidelines and precinct status will be considered as part of that review

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mence in March 2001 between Railway Parade, Walcott Street Woodroyd Street and Third Avenue Mount Lawley. The Society is confident that this work will translate into improved streetscapes, better and greener verges, and increased property values.

The Society is working with the City of Stirling and Western Power in a bid to influence the choice of street lighting and signage, to ensure that the style of signs and lights are consistent with the heritage character of the area.

Archiving of Society Photographs and Library Collection

In response to a proposal raised by one of our members at the last Annual General Meeting of the Society, the Committee has com-

menced the process of finding a suitably qualified person to identify, collate, register and develop a proposal for the proper preservation storage and display of the Society's extensive archive of histori-

cal artefacts and photos of past and present heritage buildings and sites in Mount Lawley. It is hoped that some of these will be put on display at the Mount Lawley Bowling Club premises.

New Residential Design Codes—R Codes

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ings with the 1991 codes; in particular they place insufficient prior-



ity on matters such as heritage preservation and streetscape; they also do not strongly control privacy, overlooking, overshadowing and the general bulk of some developments. The new Design Codes offer a more comprehen-

sive set of controls. They will provide for neighbour consultation where Council is to exercise a discretion in relation to the development and where the development may adversely impact on the amenity of an abutting property. It is submitted however that even the new Design Codes do not give sufficient weight to heritage matters, for example there is no separate consideration given in the design elements section of the Code to heritage matters. The Society plans to draw this defect to the attention of the Planning Minister.

Wine and

32 members enjoyed a wonderful evening of fine wines and food at La Vigna Cellars in Walcott Street Mount Lawley on 14 Octo-



Food Night

ber 2000. This evening was a great success with members able to enjoy a convivial and informative night hosted by Mike Tamburri of La Vigna Cellars and Vince Garreffa of Mondo Meats.

MOUNT LAWLEY BOWLING CLUB

Bowls is basically a simple game to play, but a game that takes skill and practice to play well. Learners are helped to play by coaching, use of bowls whilst learning, plenty of opportunity to practice and lots of advice from experienced bowlers. Very quickly they can become members of pennant teams and enjoy competition and good company.

Mount Lawley Bowling Club has been a fixture around the suburb since 1909. It has three championship standard greens, and has teams entered in the WA Bowls Pennants Competition for men and women, in both Saturday (men's) and Weekday (separate men's and women's) events.

On many occasions during the year social bowling is organised for men, women and mixed teams.

The State Consistency Singles for Men and Women are held each

If the skipper is not a leader and he's at the head and you are not on a ship, then you must be on a bowling green

year at the Club at the start of Spring. In the past, both the men and the women have had teams at

the top level of competition, but at the moment are striving to reach that level. The club greens are among the best in Perth and the club employs a highly qualified and skilled greenkeeper who maintains this high standard.

Mount Lawley identities have been associated with the club over the years. Ted Sharpe celebrated his ninetieth birthday this year. Alan Bunting, a former First Division bowler, has been the Club Champion many times. Some members have been members of the club for over 30 years. The present Club Secretary, Helen Waters, has a long association being Secretary now for over eight years. The present Club President is now Alan Evans, also a former Club Champion. The Women's President is currently



**CHRISTMAS DINNER
AT THE BOWLING CLUB
ON
SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2000
AT 1:00 PM
\$25 PER HEAD**



Contact the Secretary -Helen Waters—9271.4875 to buy your tickets.
Middle of the day dinner will include a hot entrée, a main course choice of three cold meats, lots of salads, Christmas pudding with brandy sauce and ice cream and coffee
The usual Christmas extras will be there...nuts, bon-bons, party hats, crackers and decorations
Special wines will be available at very reasonable cost, plus other drinks at the bar
Bring a gift to the value of \$5 so that everyone can give and receive a gift

This house in Clifton Crescent was built in 1921 for Mr Robert Everett, manager of Richard Holmes and Co, Wine and Spirit Store, of Murray Street, Perth

It is still there, but is very difficult to spot!

Take a walk down Clifton Crescent and see if you can discover it!
Clue: It is South of Lawley Crescent



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