



Cammeray Croquet Club



Special Edition

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Why a Special Edition?

Sadly, our regular Editor, **Neil Hardie** is distracted – caring for his dear wife Pamela, who is known to many of us, and who recently suffered a stroke. We wish them both well, and can at least report that she is in 'rehab', and making good progress.

But it falls to your President to disseminate this month's news ...

What is happening to the Lawns?

You may be pleased to learn that the much derided 'stripes' on the lawns should disappear soon, with plentiful spring growth expected in the coming weeks. The 'cutting' which caused those unsightly lines and unhelpful ridges will now be replaced by periodic 'coring', which the ground staff have already started on. You may even have noticed the little holes, which are of course far less obtrusive than the 'tiger-stripes'.

International News

We have also been very glad to welcome back **James Carlisle** after his recent stint in UK, where he managed the Australian team in the MacRobertson Shield – a four-way competition of 'Test Matches' against England, NZ, and USA. In fact, for the final test of the series, his selection as reserve saw him called to arms, when Trevor Bassett was indisposed.



Readers will not be surprised to learn that he rose to the occasion. Indeed, if you haven't already seen it, you can catch up on the final moments of a fascinating game against Stephen Morgan (USA) by going to YouTube and keying in:

[MacRobertson Shield 2026 - 06 August, Session 1 - Surbiton](#)

This will give you a video recording of the whole day's play, which runs for some 10 hours and 24 minutes!! But, if you are time-poor, move the tracker across to the 10-hour mark, and enjoy the closing moments on Court 3 before the cameras cross to James on Court 4. Well worth it!

CNSW Pennants

Our 'Open' team has played just two matches:

- On 31 July, **Steve Miles, Lucy Rees, David Stanton**, and yours truly managed a 2-1 win at home against Marrickville, and
- On 20 August, **Marg O'Brien, Lucy Rees, Sandra Colquhoun**, and **John Potter** lost by the same margin at Mosman.

But our Bronze Division team has played three:

- On 8 June, **Warren Yates** and **Sue Nicholas** lost 1-2 at Holroyd,
- On 2 July, the same pair had a 2-1 win at home against Mosman,
- On 21 Aug, **Warren Yates** and **John Potter** won 2-1 at Killara.

Horticulture

Some ten or so years ago, we captured the splendid display to be enjoyed every winter along the (croquet south) boundary of both courts.



The current display (shown below) may be past its best (and may need a haircut). But enjoy it while it lasts!



It is, of course, *Pyrostegia Venusta* (or 'Flame Vine', if you prefer).

Bronze Championship

The Club Bronze Championship has been won, and congratulations go to **Andrew Starke**, who was unbeaten, and whose performance has pushed him up into Silver. **Marg Barrie** was runner-up.

Manly Seabreeze

Not so many years ago, Manly CC would hold an annual 'open' tournament over two weeks – the first being Golf Croquet and the second, of course, AC. Sadly, the latter part of the proceedings, which has for some time been separated from the GC, has once again this year had to be cancelled for lack of numbers.

Sic transit gloria ... and all that.