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President's Report for Annual General Meeting 28th July 2023

We held our Congress in the Parkview Room on 24th & 25th September, directed by Alan Bustany. We had 37 Pairs and our House Pair, Julieanne Perceval and Margo Burnet, played and won half their matches. First place getters were Di Coats & Jan Clarke and the runners-up were Chris Williams & Ian Lincoln. Lunch was enjoyed by all. There were 18 Teams. The event was won by Greg & Sharon Mayo, Chris Dibley & Michael Simes from Newcastle, with our own Sally & Garry Clarke, Di Coats & Jan Clarke coming second.

On the 17th October, we celebrated our 35th birthday on a Brisbane Water Cruise, from Woy Woy wharf, followed by lunch at the Davistown RSL. We then caught the ferry back to Woy Woy.

In April, we moved to the old Yume Teppanyaki restaurant. We can fit 12, maybe 13, tables here. The only thing missing is the real coffee that we used to get half way through the session. Charity Day's Trash & Treasure could not be held in this space, so Ruth Griffin volunteered to hold a garage sale at her place. It was a great success.

The State Seniors Championships were held in the Parkview Room on 30th May to 2nd June, directed by Ronny Ng. The table numbers were up, with 16 in the Pairs and 17 in the Teams. The catering this year was excellent. The Pairs were decided in the last round, with Liz Adams and Peter Gilling overtaking last year's winners, Pauline Gumby and Warren Lazer. 17 Teams competed on Thursday, with the trophy being won by a Sydney team. Second place went to Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer, Sally Clarke & Chris Williams, the last two are members of our club. The next three teams are all members of our club.

Eunice de Vries held her Beginners Lessons in February and people are lasting the distance. Hence our membership is improving with numbers now almost back to pre-COVID. We are currently offering four face-to-face and one on-line session, and are looking at starting a fifth face-to-face session on Thursdays.

Lastly, I would like to thank our committee for their steadfast team work during the year and volunteering their service for another year.

Louis Koolen
President
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