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## President's Report for Annual General Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024

I would like to start by paying tribute to our preceding President, Louis Koolen. He worked tirelessly on our behalf and was the force behind the resurrection of our Congress. In addition, he applied for and received the contract for running the State Seniors Congress and has acted as convenor for both the Congress and Seniors. He led us through the most disruptive period that we could ever have imagined – Covid 19. Without his leadership I doubt that we would have recovered so well. Thank you Louis.

Our Congress was held on 16-17 September with Alan Bustany directing. We were moved from our guaranteed space, the Parkview Room, to a space downstairs. It was not ideal. The Congress was a success even though we had to cope with both a smaller space & noise from the Sports Bar from which were separated by a make-shift divider.

There were 56 pairs & 2 divisions in the Pairs, and 24 Teams. Division 1 of the Pairs saw 4 CCLCBC pairs finish in the top 10. Visitors Vicky and Ian Lisle took top honours. Top honours in Division 2 went to Richard Carter and Jay Novak. Congratulations to Gina Robertson and Eva Hartzell & Julieanne Perceval and Kevin Hughes finishing 1st & 2nd in the Novice section.

Winners in Teams were Greg and Sharon Mayo with Paul McGrath and Michael Simes. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this so successful, with special thanks to Director Alan, and Convener Louis Koolen along with Convener-in-training Marg Regan. We have been guaranteed the Parkview Room for this year's Congress.

The State Seniors Championship over four days from 28<sup>th</sup> May was directed by Ronnie Ng. 38 pairs competed in the Pairs Competition with Marieta Borthwick and Colin Speller taking out the top honours. 15 teams competed in the Teams Competition with Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Greg and Sharon Mayo coming first. Pairs numbers were up slightly with the Teams numbers down. Once again thanks to our volunteers and our convenor Louis Koolen with assistant, Margaret Regan. Disappointingly, the NSWBA did not supply the medallions for winners but we have been advised they are on their way.

Eunice's beginner classes held on Thursday evenings have been successful with most joining the club. A regular Thursday evening duplicate session has begun, at their request as many of the last crop are still working. Our numbers continue to grow.

Julie Sadler  
President