

WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES RUGBY UNION

FOOTBALL CLUB

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THE WOOLLAHRA COLLEAGUES RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB



ANNUAL REPORT

1980

The past season has seen the Club enjoy successful results in the competition.

After having all four sides in the Semi-Finals, we had the Kentwell, Burke and Judd teams in the Grand Final and of course our great Kentwell team running out 1980 Premiers against our arch rivals in recent years, Hunters Hill.

I would like to commend all players during 1980 season for their attitude towards training and games. I am sure this showed up when comparing the results with the previous season.

Once again the Club was graced with a good influx of new, young and talented players. Not only were there a lot of new faces at the trials but also new members kept coming all during the first half of the season. Which proves once again that a winning Club attracts more players.

The Club Championship developed into a two horse race right from the beginning of the season, but unfortunately for Colleagues, Hunters Hill got up in the last stride by a mere 19 points. However much of the shine of the Club Championship victory was erased when the full time whistle sounded in the Grand Final of the Kentwell Cup.

Next year we must again strive to put the Club Championship Shield back in our Trophy case. The Woollahra Council has assured me that we will have full use of both No. 2 and 3 ovals next season. This means we will be playing our home games back on No. 2 oval. Therefore training will not be so cramped and we intend renewing the lighting on both ovals.

This year we spent a considerable amount on gear, quantities of footballs, tackling bags, scrum machine etc. However this would not have been fully possible without the continued donations from past members and the various fund raising activities of our Committee.

Most members probably do not realise how much effort does go into the running of Colleagues, which is not only a Football Club but also a Company Limited by Guarantee. The continued success of the Club is completely dependant upon members with suitable ability and being prepared to serve on the committee and fill the various offices.

Once again the Treasurers Report and Balance Sheet shows the Club was very successful, and as I have mentioned above, this would not have been possible without successful fund raising activities, donations and of course the well organised control of gear and refreshments.

I would like to thank all Committee Members, Office Bearers and Coaches for their efforts during the season and also to other members responsible for fund raising and other functions.

Thank you to all Vice Presidents and past members for their continued support and contributions during the 198 season. Also Congratulations to John Hitchen on being awarded the Honour Cap for 1980, a most deserving reward for his many activities.

Finally, to our retiring Club Captain, Michael Caspers I would like to thank him for his tremendous work over the last three years. Michael involved himself in every facet of the Club and also within Sub-District generally. Michael, I feel would be one of the most popular Club Captains ever to serve Colleagues.

When reflecting upon last years reports which described the 1979 season as a "let down" and "the one that got away", it is pleasing to report that 1980 has been a successful year for the Club both on the football field and with the management of the Club.

The 1980 Season saw all 4 grades reach the finals with Kentwell, Bourke and Judd going through to the grand final. A small lapse in critical games by all grades during the season saw the Club Championship slip from our grasp, by 38 points, but I am sure this will be remedied next season.

Congratulations to Iain Edwards and his Kentwell Cup side in winning the Grand Final for the first time since 1970. I am sure that the effort put in by Iain during the season gained the respect of his team and all will agree that it was a GREAT grand final victory.

Congratulations must also go to John Anderson, Steve Cripps, Will Mortlock, Brian Weir and Steve Weir for their selection in the Combined Sub-District Side which was undefeated in their 4 games including the annual clash against Queensland which was played as the curtain raiser to the 1st Australian All Black Test at the SCG.

Our night time functions at the Clubhouse were again restricted however the Annual Ball this year held at the Orcaes and the Trophy night at Randwick RUFC were again well attended and successful nights.

Of these 11 Committee Meetings held during the year the attendances were as follows:

Doug Ambrose	10
John Anderson	10
John Beckett	11
Tony Glynn	6
John Hitchen	8
Roger Monson	9

Once again our long standing President, John Noice, and Club Captain, Mike Caspers, helped to make the Club run smoothly. Special thanks must go to John Hitchen for his organisation of the jumpers and gear and continued effort in other aspects of the functioning of the Club, and congratulations on being awarded the Honour Cap for 1980.

The continued efforts by Mike Clifford, Treasurer, and Doug Kirkwood, Club House Manager, again ensured a successful year financially—with all sales showing healthy returns.

I would also like to thank all those players, members and friends who supported the games this year and I can assure all present, that the enthusiastic support shown at the Grand Final helped to make the success very sweet.

I am hopeful that we will see all players returning to the field next season and wish the incoming committee and the Club all the success for 1981.

ROSS COLLINS, Hon. Secretary

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

1980 to my mind was one of the most gratifying years I have experienced at Colleagues. All members should be justifiably proud of their efforts culminating in getting three sides to the Grand Final and winning the Kentwell Cup for the first time in ten years.

Special thanks must go to Iain Edwards and his players for putting Colleagues back on the map for the first time in a decade. The bulk of the Kentwell side had been together for three years and their win was a fitting culmination of all the hours they dedicated to training and playing.

Older Colleagues professed it was the best Kentwell side they had seen and this was borne out by the selection of six players being selected to represent Combined Sub District in their victorious matches against the army and in Tasmania. The six were Steve Cripps, Steve Weir, Brian Weir, John Anderson (Captain), Ross Collins, and Will Mortlock. Congratulations fellas!

Many thanks are also due to the other coaches whose fair minded selections I'm sure made Iain's job a lot easier. Old Colleagues were once again generous to a fault and we're grateful for their continued support.

Special congratulations to John Hitchen, our Honour Cap Winner, who has been the Gear Steward now for the past two years.

With John's perseverance, gear losses which used to be a major headache, have been kept to a minimum and I applaud his selection for this award.

We had more social functions at the club this year and all were well attended. The success of these functions was ensured by Tim Booth and his disco. Thanks Chinese!

The Trophy Night and the Annual Ball were probably the year's social highlights and thanks to all who organised and supported these functions.

Colleagues are playing cricket during the summer and all intending cricketers should contact Geoff Robbins. The Club opens during the summer on Thursday nights for tip football and soccer. Come down and get into shape for next year. We are also looking for coaches and players for the '81 season so keep your eyes peeled, especially for potential coaches.

Congratulations also to Hunters Hill, who were worthy opponents throughout the year and my personal thanks to John Beckett who served on the management committee for Sub District and Michael Doolan for his work on the P & A.

The Fiji trip was not the success it might have been due to the withdrawal of too many 'would-be' starters. We're planning on Hawaii in '81 and need 30 players. We must go! A saving scheme will be under way very shortly and all wishing to make the trip will be informed of details.

The Committee this year was only just adequate with three or four doing all the work. Improvement is needed next year.

Lastly thanks to the whole Club for making my last year as Club Captain so successful and I'm proud to have been associated with you all.

MIKE CASPERS, Club Captain.

KENTWELL CUP

PREMIERS AND MINOR PREMIERS

WON 16 GAMES LOST 4 AND DRAWN 1.

(604 POINTS FOR, 205 AGAINST.)

GRAND FINAL — DEFEATED HUNTERS HILL 27-18

S. CRIPPS 3 TRIES — H. MCKIDD 1 TRY,

S. WEIR 3 PENALTY GOADS, 1 GOAL.

Sincere congratulations to all members of the Kentwell Cup for 1980. Their Grand Final victory against Hunters Hill, 3 times Grand Final champions, was outstanding. The Grand Final will be remembered not only because it was won but more importantly for the way it was played. Determination, aggression, obsession with winning and above all good Rugby and team spirit added together to produce the final deserved result — Premiers for 1980.

The team must be congratulated for its overall performance during the season when it finished minor premiers having won 16 games lost 4 and drawn 1. The games won were won consistently well and in most cases very convincingly as the points for and against indicate. This success came only as a result of hard work and determination to succeed. It was not easy for players concerned to give up so much time or to put in so much effort and irrespective of the final result I am sure that all players would agree that this is the only way it should be done.

The team consisted of 21 players, 6 of whom were new players to the club and all of whom played no less than 6 games in Kentwell Cup. This consistency enabled the team to play as a team and certainly contributed a large degree towards the team spirit. Although all team members played well throughout the season there were certain outstanding individual performances which should be mentioned.

Steve Weir's goal kicking record of 222 points set during the competition exceeded the previous record in 1961 of 168 points and was an exceptional effort. I believe that this record may never be beaten — (until next year when he takes the field).

Congratulations to Richard Allegna for scoring the most tries and to Stephen Cripps for being the Kentwell Cup best and fairest player for 1980. Morgan Chubb and Stuart Orr's award as the club best and fairest players came as no surprise and was certainly deserved.

Congratulations to Stephen Weir, Stephen Cripps, John Anderson, Bryan Weir, Ross Collins and William Mortlock for their selection in the combined sub-district side and their success in that team. One should realise again that players stand out better in a winning side than in a losing side and their success was a reflection of the Colleagues team success.

Doug Ambrose's outstanding game in the semi-final against Briars where he scored 3 tries and Tim Booth's performance in the semi-final and Grand Final will be remembered. Mark Martin, Steve Cripps and Steve Roberts game in the Grand Final was equally outstanding and of course Sandy Ross's effort at front row during the absence of Morgan and Andrew Chubb was a great effort.

Dicky Brown at hooker tended to be over-shadowed by the glory seekers on the wings but they will be first to admit that the ball was not possible without his hooking.

Commiserations to Rick Smith who through injury was forced out of the team after the major semi final as he had put everything into the season.

Hugh McKidd with his speed certainly had the wingers worried about their positions and shows great potential as a winger or centre. Kevin Lane the sleeper in the side provided the link between forwards and backs and should probably get the award for the most underrated player in the team. His try against Bondi in the first game was surely the try of the season.

It was a good finish that Mark Smith came back in the Grand Final and played like the true team member he was.

I would like to thank Roger Monson for his help and advice during the season, the support of the committee and especially Rick Bellbooth who helped run the backs during the season. Despite his forced retirement through injury Rick continued to support the team, help with team training and was always a great inspiration to the style with which the back line played. However we were fortunate to find a replacement in Jeff Williams whose experience was invaluable in the final games.

Last but not least I should like to thank John Anderson, who as Captain had an outstanding season. He carried out his responsibilities as Captain professionally and with pride. On the field he led the team by example, confidence and was responsible for encouraging the team spirit which is essential for success.

In conclusion I wish to thank all the players in the club and in particular the Kentwell Cup players for their support during the season. The Kentwell Cup players determination to succeed made it all possible and worthwhile and it should indicate to all players in the club that success only comes from hard work. I congratulate the Kentwell Cup players for 1980 very sincerely on the example they have set to the Colleagues Club, on their own individual success and in being premiers for 1980. I am extremely proud in being associated with you all and wish all members further success in years to come. Lastly I sincerely thank my wife without whose help and encouragement it would not have been possible.

IAIN G. EDWARDS.

KENTWELL CUP 1980 PREMIERS AND MINOR PREMIERS



Back row: Mark Martin, Rick Bell-Booth, Hugh McKidd,
Stephen Cripps, Richard Alagna, Richard Brown.

Middle row: Douglas Ambrose, Kevin Lane,
Rick Smith, Mark Smith, Stephen Roberts, Stuart Orr.

Front row: Iain Edwards (Coach) William Mortlock,
Stephen Weir, John Anderson (Capt.), Jeff Williams, Ross Collins.

Absent: Morgan Chubb, Bryan Weir, Michael Collett.

WON 16, LOST 4, DREW 1.

GRAND FINAL—Defeated Hunters Hill 27-18. Points 604 for, 205 Against.

BURKE CUP

Gentlemen,

The 1980 season was one of rebuilding for the Burke Cup and I am proud to say that this young side upheld the tradition of Colleagues Burke Cup Rugby.

The season culminated in a 6-26 Grand Final loss to the Minor Premiers Hunters Hill and although it reads on paper as a hiding I am sure that all who saw the game, have no doubts that the team gave its best but unfortunately a few crippling injuries and a very good opposition were obstacles too great to overcome.

To have reached the Grand Final was an achievement in itself and the team's record during the Home and Away games was a fine effort by all players. In the eighteen games played we were beaten only four times, but were never beaten by a team below us on the competition table. The season's highlight had to be our magnificent victory over the Briars in the Preliminary Final.

The captancy was shared during the year by Doug Ambrose, Stewart Hudson and Mark Smith and my thanks to these chaps for their support and encouragement.

The forward pack had a good blending of youth and experience and I can not recall one game where the opposition could claim complete control over us. The younger brigade of Andrew Chubb, Tim Booth, Hugh Warden and Mike Collett were ably supported by the experience of Mark Bowker, Bruce Donald, Andy Addinall and Gordon Winterburn.

Unfortunately the backline was never really settled, what with injuries and the elevation of players to the Senior Team. However, Jim Hayden at halfback still proved to be as strong a player as ever and his combination with Stewart Hudson at five eight improved with every game.

The centres John North and Richard Dunlop gave us a varied attack, mixed with very strong defence and I have no doubts that the injury suffered by John in the last competition game was a blow from which the team never recovered. We were also fortunate in having players such as Doug Ambrose, David Taylor, Rick Lavender and Chris White when called upon who could play in numerous positions and this flexibility was a great asset.

My special thanks to Roger Monson for his assistance in coaching the backs and to our team manager Dave Hill for his fine effort.

In closing I would like to give my special thanks to Ian Edwards, coach of the Kentwell Cup premiers, Robert Caldwell and John Noice for the hassle free year, and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am confident that 1981 will be a very successful year for Colleagues.

Regards,

RONALD A. HARRIDEN, Coach.

WHIDDON CUP REPORT

The 1980 season for the Whiddon Cup started with a "bit of a thumping" by Bondi/Bronte on that dust-pit, trying to imitate concrete, Lync Park. It was a pity that the raw recruits to Colleagues (Adam Wilson, Duncan Ackery, Chris Mathews (et al) had such a bone crunching introduction to Sub-District football. Some of the other games played during the year are worth remembering, others are not.

The ones worth forgetting were Briars (1st rd.); St. Patricks (1st rd.), Charity Day (their first win in 7 games!); Old Waverlians (2nd rd.), a hot day with too much hot air! The games worth remembering were Lane Cove (1st rd.), a heartening win after such a mediocre start to the season; Lindfield (1st rd.); Hunters Hill and Briars (2nd rd.), good controlled football and convincing wins against the two grand final teams.

The end of the second round saw us in third position on the competition table. Our semi-final game against Briars is now history. However, despite the non-appearance of one player and early showers for two others, the remainder put up a sterling effort right to the final whistle. Perhaps some consolation can be taken from the fact that Hunters Hill, the premiers, were beaten by us in both competition games.

This report gives me the chance to acknowledge the effort of a number of people associated with the successes (and failures) of the Whiddon Cup during the 1980 season.

Firstly, the 45-50 people who played during the year. Some went to higher grades, some to lower grades and others into obscurity. My congratulations to Stuart Orr and Hugh McKid for making the Kentwell Cup side and for participating in its grand final victory. My congratulations to Adam Wilson, Bill Curry and Tom Porter (where IS he?) for their "player of the round" awards won during the season.

Secondly, to the captains (Michael Fitzgerald and Jock Sutherland) and vice-captains whose responsibility it was to lead on the field.

Thirdly, on a lighter note, the "Whiddon Cup Advisory Board". This elite group (Kentwell Cup players and others) gathered on the far side of No. 3 to advise the Whiddon Cup coach on some obvious self-evident truths about the game in progress. Some of these include "Gawd, Bowker's unfit" or "Gawd, Gerry Kennedy is slow to the rucks". The spokesman for the Advisory Board, "The Ghost", was forever waffing on about "the few problems we've had with the Whiddon Cup".

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge my Fellow coaches. For most of the year we remained friends and were able to work together.

My congratulations to Ian Edwards, my commiserations to Ron Harriden and John Noice.

It is usually at this point in a report that some do-or-die advice is given for the following year. From this I am going to refrain.

In conclusion, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

R. CALDWELL.

JUDD CUP

The 1980 Judd Cup had, I believe an enjoyable and successful year. However by reaching the Grand Final and having lost to Hunters Hill, who we had beaten in both rounds, somewhat put a disappointment into our season. One may say we were conditioned for 70 minutes of football instead of 50 minutes played in Judd. The longer the game went the better we performed.

The team was made up of a good deal of youth and a handful of long time veterans, which had a steady influence.

Unfortunately we missed the services of one of our older fleet footed inside backs who had to leave hurriedly for overseas before the season ended.

We had the availability of some very talented young players having their first season with the club. Such players like Chris. Matthews, Chris. Howes, Brad. Rose, Duncan Ackery, Mike Power, Tim Oldfield, Tom Porter, Chris. Bowditch, Jason Cavannagh and Bill Curry all have tremendous potential to be top senior players and good Colleagues of the near future. Not to mention Stuart Orr who gave us such great service in Judd Cup as breakaway for 5 or 6 games until my fellow coaches finally appreciated his ability. Of course he went on to play in the Kentwell Cup team and was very instrumental in that teams Grand Final victory.

The team was ably led by Ian McGregor and Sandy Ross, who are always great competitors and its good to have footballers of their experience running around in Judd Cup.

It is hard to mention all players who went through Judd Cup during the season. I would particularly like to thank all those members who continued to support us at training and were always there abouts when needed.

Finally, I would like to thank our team manager Ace McGuire for his support to me and the team. Also I would like to congratulate Ian Edwards as coach of the Kentwell Cup for the enoumous amount of time and effort he put into that team. Victory in the Grand Final was a just reward.

JOHN NOICE, Coach.

1980 TROPHY WINNERS

Club Captain	Michael CASPERS
Club Best and Fairest	William CURRY, Stuart ORR and Morgan CHUBB (Shared)
Kentwell Cup Best and Fairest	Steve CRIPPS
BURKE Cup Best and Fairest	Jim HAYDON, & Doug AMBROSE (shared)
Whiddon Cup Best and Fairest	William CURRY
Judd Cup Best and Fairest	Rolly ROWLATT
Leading Try Scorer	Richard ALAGNA (13 tries)
Leading Point Scorer	Steve WEIR (222 points, Club record)
Challenge Trophy for Team Scoring The Most Tries Kentwell Cup (63)	
100 Games Trophies	William MORTLOCK, Andrew WILLIAMS Richard BROWN

TEAM COACHES TROPY

Kentwell Cup	Iain EDWARDS
Burke Cup	Ron HARRIDEN
Whiddon Cup	Robert CALDWELL
Judd Cup	John NOICE

TEAM CAPTAINS

Kentwell Cup	John ANDERSON
Burke Cup	Doug AMBROSE
Whiddon Cup	Jock SUTHERLAND
Judd Cup	Ian MCGREGOR
Linesmans Award	Michael TWEMLOW
Most Improved Player	Steve CRIPPS
Oldest and Boldest	Rolly ROWLATT
Rookie Of The Year	Stuart ORR
Honour Cap	John HITCHEN

RESULTS FOR SEASON 1980

SEMI-FINALS

KENTWELL CUP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colleagues	18	14	1	3	431	159	29
Hunters Hill	18	14	—	4	305	147	28
St. Patricks	18	13	—	5	304	197	26
Briars	18	12	—	6	220	153	24
Chatswood	18	10	1	7	250	193	21
St. Ives	18	8	1	9	248	205	17
Bondi Bronte	18	5	1	12	164	282	11
Lindfield	18	5	—	13	135	248	10
Old Waverlians	18	4	—	14	100	298	8
Lane Cove	18	3	—	15	91	366	6

BURKE CUP

Hunters Hill	18	16	1	1	309	77	33
Briars	18	15	—	3	227	86	30
Colleagues	18	14	—	4	311	103	28
St. Ives	18	12	1	5	274	109	25
Chatswood	18	8	1	9	198	218	17
Old Waverlians	18	6	1	11	116	229	13
St. Patricks	18	5	1	12	125	223	11
Lindfield	18	3	2	13	118	240	8
Lane Cove	18	4	—	14	76	332	8
Bondi Bronte	18	3	1	14	92	229	7

WHIDDON CUP

Bondi Bronte	18	14	—	4	225	90	28
Hunters Hill	18	13	1	4	267	80	27
Colleagues	18	12	1	5	162	78	25
Briars	18	12	—	6	184	101	24
Old Waverlians	18	8	1	9	112	128	17
Lindfield	18	7	1	10	107	148	15
St. Ives	18	7	1	10	98	150	15
Chatswood	18	5	1	12	107	188	11
St. Patricks	18	5	—	12	105	189	10
Lane Cove	18	4	—	14	68	283	8

JUDD CUP

Lane Cove	18	14	—	4	150	96	28
Colleagues	18	13	1	4	152	86	27
Hunters Hill	18	13	—	5	214	91	26
Lindfield	18	13	—	5	198	101	26
Bondi Bronte	18	12	2	4	129	58	26
St. Ives	18	8	—	10	111	141	16
Chatswood	18	6	—	12	101	112	12
Old Waverlians	18	5	—	13	74	143	10
Briars	18	3	—	15	55	151	6
St. Patricks	18	1	1	16	41	246	3

Kentwell Cup: Hunters Hill 21, Colleagues 6. Briars 27, St. Patricks 10.
 Burke Cup: Hunters Hill 14, Briars 10. Colleagues 8, St Ives 0.
 Whiddon Cup: Hunters Hill 12, Bondi Bronte 7. Briars 10, Colleagues 3.
 Judd Cup: Colleagues 6, Lane Cove 4. Hunters Hill 20, Linfield 0.

FINALS

Kentwell Cup: Colleagues 30, Briars 4.
 Burke Cup: Colleagues 13, Briars 9.
 Whiddon Cup: Briars 6, Bondi Bronte 3.
 Judd Cup: Hunters Hill 8, Lane Cove 6.

GRAND FINALS

Kentwell Cup: Colleagues 27, Hunters Hill 18.
 Burke Cup: Hunters Hill 26, Colleagues 6.
 Whiddon Cup: Hunters Hill 13, Briars 0.
 Judd Cup: Hunters Hill 10, Colleagues 4.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 1980

BRUCE GRAHAM SHIELD

Points: Kentwell 10, Burke 8, Barraclough 8, McLean 8, Jeffrey 6, Stockdale 6, Noice 6, Grosse 6, Meldrum 6, Judd 4, Blunt 4, Richardson 4, Clark 4, Walker 4, Farrant 4, Radford 4.

* Denotes First Division Club.

Hunters Hill *	810	Merrylands	388
Colleagues *	772	C.B.O.B.S.	368
Briars *	648	Linfield *	358
Barker O.B.	546	Old Waverlians *	323
St. Ives *	524	Killara	290
Matraville Chevalier	504	Lane Cove *	284
Blue Mountains	470	Sth. Carl./Cron.	274
Chatswood *	460	Newington O.B.	272
Kings O.B.	458	CBC Bank	250
St. Leos O.B.	458	AMP	168
S.H.O.B.	456	Collaroy Plat.	162
Bondi Bronte *	438	Guild Teachers	132
St. Patricks *	420	St. August O.B.	120
Manly SF	404	Bank or N.S.W.	92
Newport	390	Supreme Court	68

Sunday, September 21st — Woollahra Historical Society departs Sydney Airport — Destination Fiji.

The pre flight drinks prior to take off had whetted our appetites and Alcohol being free on Qantas, doubles and triples were the order of the day.

The flight over was an uneventful and our destination was reached without incident (how boring) as soon as we landed that never forgotten greeting "Bula" was heard. "Bula" has a variety of meanings from How yer goin Barry to where's the bar mate.

Getting into our two Mercedes hire cars cunningly disguised as Datsun Station Waggon we set out for the Hyatt Hotel and not the Fijian as previously thought as the travel agent had mixed up the bookings.

On the way we passed the Fijian and were flagged down by a now familiar linesman. It was none other than Mike Twemlow who had booked into the Fijian with his wife and child. After we explained the booking mixup we were once again underway with Mike promising to come down in a couple of days.

The drivers of the cars were Ross Collins and Tony Glynn and why everyone rushed to join Moose's entourage was initially to me a mystery. The veil of mystery however was quickly lifted as Tony narrowly missed 3 pedestrians, 2 cows and a truck, 5 minutes after leaving the Airport. The on flight drinks had taken their toll. On arrival those of us wearing brown trousers went straight to the bar, others not so fortunate went to their rooms to change.

The bar that received our favours was named the Hibiscus Lounge and on that first night we got acquainted with most of the guests (female) and all of the drinks (both male and female).

Marguerita France, Turkey's bisexual counterpart made himself known to Morrie Bula the barman, slung him \$5 and drank himself to a babbling mess, Yes turkeys got a good future behind him.

The bar closed at 1 a.m. and the Historical Society now in full cry could not be checked (we signed most of them anyway). The ghost and Mr. Chopper humbly surrendered their lodgings and room service was stretched to the limit. People are still mystified as to who ordered 6 Pizzas at 3 o'clock in the morning.

Mike Twemlow rang early the next day saying he was nearly divorced and was coming to stay. Something about \$400, naked women and nearly falling five floors down the dumb waiter (be hard to get a smart one in Fiji). We spent the day sitting around the pool while as usual Dick Wynne and "Jimmy Olsen" France sat around the bar. Overcast weather forced us into other activities and seeking out the local S.P. we proceeded to relieve him of a few coconuts.

Being a new hotel, the native staff who don't know the meaning of money (getting on average \$20 week) were to say the least slow. i.e. tips meant nothing. Having ordered 10 mixed drinks on one occasion the waitress replied that she would bring as many as she could remember. We never saw her again. When you did finally get a drink a bill accompanied it which you signed for and it went on your room. This practice was disastrous with well known imbibers recording up to \$250 extras per night.

The worst aspect of the Hyatt was the sewerage plant which was constructed 200 yards away and a constant smell pervaded most of the hotel. One astute member of the society took advantage of this, and happily opened his lunch on several occasions with complete confidence.

This aspect coupled with the inadequacy of Larry the G.M. (on first name terms with Dick Wynne) gave the Hyatt a faulty towers outlook and indeed for the rest of our stay Larry was re-christened Basil Fawltly.

Success with the ladies was more than moderate with a good number of the troupe falling in love and the rest falling over.

Awards here must go to Dave Caspers who was seen ushering a small block of flats into rooms 166 to 168 inclusive. Moose was his usual shy retiring type and contented himself with reading back clippings from Barbara Tabberers' column in his room. Dick Wynne had to content himself with a girl reminiscent of a rubber sticker and spent most of the courtship keeping her away from panes of glass. Steve Cripps shared a girl with his blood brothers and re-united old family ties.

An impromptu cocktail party in the Glynn-Wynne room was a large success, mainly to the Hotel in the form of gained revenue. Richard Wynne whose now familiar cry "Get me the G.M." was in rare form and managed to run up a frightening bill by ordering Pizza's, buckets of Ice, 50 bottles of mixers and later on sixteen toasted sandwiches which on arrival were deemed to have no gastronomical value but made unusual wall hangings and ornaments contrasting well with the stark macrame and wood carvings of this tropic Isle.

The following day the two cars went in opposite directions, one to Fiji Harbour to play golf and one to the Fijian Hotel. Ali Twemlow was glad to see us and we settled down next to the pool for a few shandies. Immediately we fell in love with our new abode and couldn't wait to tell the rest of the boys about this new paradise.

We arose bright and early packed our bags, ticked off our bills, and had left Fawltly Towers by 9.30 a.m. off to the Fijian.

We decided to get involved in some of the hotels' activities and so watched the crab race. There were twelve official runners, but considerably more entered probably because some of the boys unknowingly bought their own (a token of the night before?) disaster struck however when the owner of the winning crab in his exuberance rushed across the track to claim his prize and blotted out for ever the remainder of the field.

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That night we visited the black marlin bar (not as good as the Hibiscus) and went onto the dining room for a farewell dinner for the Twemlowes. A great night was had by all, everyone in good spirits as was evident by the bill. The following day duty free shopping was on, so all went to Sigatoka. Frequent shouts of "How much is this Barry" rocked the town and even Peter Herman would have been pleased with the boys bargaining prowess. Back to the pool for a swim and a drink (how unusual). Here we met some Mr. and Mrs. "Barrys" from Melbourne, who were duely invited to the formal cocktail party which was being held that night in the combined suites of Glynn-Wynne and Jock-Moose.

They arrived unfortunately without ties but on discussions with the hosts and with the help of a roll of Sorbent our guests were quickly attired in the correct manner and gained admittance. The Cocktail Party turned into a Gala and the last guests were poured out the doors at 10 p.m. just in time for the Historical Society to have a real drink at the Black Marlin.

As the morning Sun rose half our number set out to contest the Fiji Open all hoping to get themselves a hole in one. While those that stayed had the converse in mind, to get themselves one in a hole.

Our last night was to be the Awards Night and preparations were made for this—the whole hotel being invited. A room was hired and gallons of "Kink-A-Poo" Juice were brewed. The guests arrived and after a few drinks they were called to their seats for the presentations.

Des Hill was the first nominee and was handed a parcel of twelve Gava roots. It was the first time we were made aware of Desi's horticultural interest.

Dick Wynne followed and was given a Red Phone probably with a direct line to the General Managers office. Steve Cripps received an ornate wood carving depicting part of the anatomy, while Glen Burgess was awakened by his award, an alarm clock with once again no girl in sight.

Guests and recipient Dave Caspers were shocked to see a live piglet presented as the next award but were somewhat relieved that Dave's holiday girlfriend had not been present to share the embarrassing moment (the fork lift broke down).

The writer cannot record how the night ended as he had a break in communications with the outside world about 1 a.m. Please ask fellow members of the Society for details—Names listed below.

Dave Hill, Mike & Dave Caspers, Steve Cripps, Ross Collins, Mike Twemlowe, Dick Wynne, Tony Glynn, Andrew France, Jock Sutherland and Glen Burgess.

All were exhausted on the flight back and many slept dreaming of all the knowledge they had gained on yet another successful trip by The Woolahra Historical Society.

BARRY BULA, Hon. Secretary.