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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our annual Autumn fete will be held this Saturday from 9.30 am. until 4.00 pm. We will be competing with the big car rally - but that shouldn't be a problem! We are continuing with the wool theme, but will also include other traditional quality stalls. I expect the fete to be a positive fund raising and promotional event for us.

You will recall my meanderings in the March issue of the Meridian when I wrote at length about the Autumn Concert, and my anxiety about how it would turn out! Well, as you will by now be aware, the concert was very successful. There were about 550 people in attendance. The performers, the audience and the Hellenic Club were all very positive in their response. Umar did an excellent job as Concert Coordinator, as did Peter Fock (President of the Southern Cross Players) as Stage Manager. We realised that planning and organising an event of this kind means that other work must be put aside for a time, or done out-of hours, and my thanks go to the small dedicated team who pulled it off.

PALM (Planning and Land Management) continues with its work on the master plan for the redevelopment of the Woden Town Centre. The Woden community has been invited to a workshop on Thursday, 9th. May, 5.30 pm., at the Statesman Hotel, to discuss the vision for the town centre. PALM's April newsletter states "*What many people want from planning in Woden is to foster an innovative and collaborative living and working environment while protecting and valuing the heritage and established identity of Woden Town Centre*". PALM then asks "*Do you agree with this?*"

The Club's Admin. Team has been discussing the Club's future in a similar context for some time now, and it seems to us that we need to be considering seriously how we should fit into the community structure of Woden in the immediate and longer term. An immediate problem is to identify clearly our special niche in the region and develop our own "master plan" identifying priorities, the resources available and required and the costs (both social and financial) of any change.

In this context, we continue to be involved with COTA (the Council of the Ageing) on plans and priorities for clubs such as our own. Plans are under way for a Clubs' Website, and COTA is investigating insurance issues for us all. You might like to attend the next seminar, on Thursday May 28th. from 1.00 pm. to 3.00 pm. which is about the management of clubs. Please let us know if you would like to be there.

Thanks to all of you who have been so supportive and active in relation to the special events in the last month - the concert, the birthday lunch, the card day and the sale of raffle tickets. And as always the Committee is appreciative of the group leaders and all the other volunteers in their various capacities. Your continuing enthusiasm and commitment is crucial to our well being as a Club.

Anne Murray
(President)

FOLK DANCE NEWS

March was a very busy month for the Folk Dancers, with five performances, including the concert at the conclusion of Senior's Week, held at the Hellenic Club. That was quite an exciting event and the people who took part were delighted to be involved.

April has been quieter, with only two performances, mainly because many of our members look after grandchildren in the school holidays.

We were all shocked to hear that one of our stalwarts - Jean Glanville - has been in hospital with pneumonia. We hope that she is now on the road to recovery and we wish her a speedy return to health.

Lorna Pinson

Editor's Note:

Sorry it's only one page this month, folks, but no other contributions having been received (despite a delayed publication date) there is insufficient material to form a second page. Hopefully our regular features such as "Thought for the Month" and "Cynical Sam" will be back next month.

Editor