

Our 50th Anniversary Celebrations - as written by Ken Perrett

The official celebration of the Inverloch Bowling Club 50th anniversary was held on Sunday, 3rd October 2010.

One hundred people gathered to enjoy a fine two course luncheon provided by Leongatha caterers, Hassle Free Catering.

Neil Everitt in his opening remarks introduced the following special guests. Bowls Victoria Deputy President Betty Collins OAM; Bowls Victoria Official Representatives, Barbara White & David Marsh; South Gippsland District Bowls Association President, Alan Hanks; South Gippsland District Ladies Bowls Association President, Joy Hargreaves; Bass Coast Shire Councillor Ross Smith; Inverloch Club Ladies & Men's President, Veronica Muir and John Hedley and representatives from affiliated clubs of South Gippsland.

The first speaker for the afternoon was Bowls Victoria Deputy President, Betty Collins, who gave a very enlightening summary of the activities of Bowls Victoria during and following the unification of the Ladies and Men's sections of the former RVBA.

Before the conclusion of her speech Betty presented a 50th anniversary certificate to President John Hedley. When accepting the certificate, John thanked Bowls Victoria for their fine gesture and went on to thank the many people who made this day such a wonderful success, particularly the sub committee who organised the celebration, giving special praise to the sub committee's secretary, Carol Waters for her huge effort also thanking Marg Flett for producing the excellent invitations, place mats, name tags, the day's program and table decorations just to mention part of her work.

John said how he was proud to lead a club who had so many people who were willing to get behind our many club activities, John also thanked Cardell Accountants of Wonthaggi for their generous sponsorship of this great occasion.

The keynote speaker of the day was Past President Jack Miller whose address; *Our First 50 Years* gave those present a great insight into our club.

Cr Ross Smith, Bass Coast Shire Councillor, also spoke and during his remarks indicated a meeting on October 22nd could give some indication when our building renovations could go ahead.

A highlight of the afternoon was cutting the anniversary cake by our four surviving Foundation members, John Murray, Jean Cross, Joyce Clayton and

Dorothy Metherall, who were joined by Mavis Parks who has been a member for 50 years but did not meet the criteria to be known as a foundation member.

This beautiful cake was made by Bev Kurrle and decorated by her niece Colleen de Bondt of Leongatha in our club colours and featuring the club's emblem.

The star attraction of the afternoon was the two 15 minutes wonderful entertainment segments given by the club's reigning singles champion, Anne Tschiderer who is a very talented lady.

In her closing remarks, Ladies President, Veronica Muir presented pot plants to Betty Collins, Carol Waters and Margaret Flett, the latter two in appreciation of their wonderful contributions to a very special day in the life of our club.