



# Busselton Croquet Club News

## Melbourne Cup Lunch 2023.

The clubhouse was a picture of taste.

Tables and chairs had been arranged to maximise seating space without crowding and they were decorated with elegant flower arrangements suggestive of race-fashion fascinators. To keep us focused on the main event there were also model horses, courtesy of Barbara Miller. Wine glasses and tumblers from various eras pointed to the club's rich history.

Not all were drawn to admire these touches. There was too much else to attract attention – mainly in the form of food and drink. Quiches and sandwiches dominated the east table and a couple of magnificent cheesecakes commanded the west. The sweeps had been drawn and displayed on the south windows.

Most punters had adjourned from the croquet courts and had made few concessions to the demands of fashion. Chrissy and Janie in the headwear department were exceptions, but the outstanding debut was Allan's whose immaculate white shirt and tie set off his navy suit to perfection. Where was Henry when we needed him?





Everything was awaiting the starter's orders.

The race went according to plan. No horse or jockey fell. A favourite won. Early leaders were swamped in the home straight and the media had something extra to celebrate – a jockey who had won consecutive Melbourne Cups.

As the replays and interviews droned on our club members turned their attention to the menu. I can report with enthusiasm that the cheesecakes were as good as they looked and the bread-and-butter pudding was as traditional as the Cup itself.

Thanks to those whose efforts enabled the rest of us to enjoy the occasion: Glen and Steve, Ron and Geraldine, Ros, Jan W, Geoff, Allan, Janie and Laurie. Big winners were Vicki and Jan White. Vicki did well in the sweeps and even bought a winning horse for husband Colin. Jan won the raffle for the one-of-a-kind coat rack, crafted by Penny's husband, Graeme, and generously donated to the club.





