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3,237 Meals served by Meals on Wheels

Since September 28 last year, when the first delivery of meals took place, Camden's Meals on Wheels has served a total of 3,237 meals up to June 30 last.

This and many other interesting facts of the new service were revealed in a report by the president Mrs. A. Johnston, at the first annual meeting at the C.W.A. rooms, on July 26.

It gave a detailed account, starting from the public meeting on June 23, 1970, called by the Mayor of Camden for the purpose of forming a "Meals on Wheels".

One of the speakers on that occasion was Mr. Clarke from the Council for the Aging, who was able to give some sound advice.

On the same night a committee of eight was formed: Mesdames Ferguson, Cummins, Watkins, Fowler, Hawkey, Powell, Johnston and the Rev. Robinson.

At a later meeting held to decide the most satisfactory and economical way to fulfill the need for a Meals on Wheels Service an executive committee was formed.

In her report the president praised the generous response given by local organisations which helped with finance to buy necessary equipment.

The committee's appeal to various organisations and women's groups for assistance in delivering the meals five days per week (including public holiday) was highly successful.

Special praise was given by Mrs. Johnston, to the Camden Hospital for the wonderful help and co-operation, and to the voluntary helpers.

The service started operating on September 28, when nine persons were served with meals; within a short time, the demand for meals had increased and a second team was started on October 26.

At the present times reported the president, 19 persons are receiving meals from the service.

Although four helpers are needed each day to man the service, no one is required to work more than once a month, owing to the large army of volunteers available.

When the president had concluded her report, the Mayor, Ald. R. B. Ferguson, moved its adoption.

Council grateful

He commented that the Camden Council was very grateful to the committee for its splendid work.

The Council had been very conscious of the need for help in some distressing cases, and the problem had been solved by the combined efforts of the Camden Hospital and the Meals on Wheels, said the Mayor.

The guest speaker was Mr. Clarke of the Council for the Aging, who was accompanied by his wife.

He claimed that he had a stake in the committee, having attended the original meeting prior to its formation.

Mr. Clarke recalled that he had first visited Camden four years ago, and had been very impressed with the reception and sympathetic consideration he had received from the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

The importance of Meals on Wheels was stressed by the speaker. He said it not only provided a nourishing and adequate meal, but the helpers each day also gave companionship to those on whom they called.

His listeners were interested to learn that legislation had been passed in 1969, to provide a subsidy for Senior Citizens' Centres for supervisors.

Mr. Clarke praised the work of the voluntary workers, without whom, he said, the service could not continue.

The service was particularly valuable, he added, to those who were in ill-health, and who were helped considerably by the nutritious meals they were served by Meals on Wheels.

Election

The Mayor, Ald. Ferguson, presided at the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. H. Johnston; secretary, Mrs. Cummins; treasurer, Mrs. Ferguson; roster clerk, Mrs. Watkins; committee, Mrs. Hawke, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Marston, Rev. H. Robinson, Mrs. Vicary, Mrs. Brown (in place of Sister Fowler) who has resigned.

Patrons: The committee was delighted when Dr. L. Commins, Mr. A. Johnston and Ald. R. B. Ferguson accepted their invitation to continue as the patrons of Meals on Wheels.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the gathering, which included representatives of various local clubs and organisations, was entertained at afternoon tea.

CLINTONS MOTORS AWARDS

WALSH INCREASES LEAD

Kangaroos Johnny Walsh has increased his lead in the Clintons Motors Award with a three-pointer last Sunday to take him to 23 points.

Warriors hooker Jimmy Hain, the early leader and second placed for some considerable time, relinquished his second place on the ladder to Fred Pagano and Phil McGurran, both of whom secured two points in their respective matches on Sunday. John Whatman, of Robertson, has also joined Pagano and McGurran in second place.

The leaders now are:
23 points: John Walsh (Kangaroos)
16 points: Fred Pagano (Camden), Phil McGurran (Oakdale), John Whatman (Robertson)
15 points: Jimmy Hain (Warriors), Terry Hughes (Collegians)
14 points: Bruce Steley (Kangaroos)

Sunday results were:

Collegians v Moss Vale
3 points: Terry Hughes, Collegians; 2 points, Laddie Holovinsky, Collegians; 1 point, Geoff Crawford, Moss Vale.

Kangaroos v Mittagong
3 points, Johnny Walsh, Kangaroos; 2 points, Bruce Steley, Kangaroos; 1 point, Graeme Blatch, Mittagong.

Oakdale v R.S.L. Warriors
3 points, John Watkins, Warriors; 2 points, Phil McGurran, Oakdale; 1 point, Mick Foley, Warriors.
Robertson v Camden
3 points, John Whatman, Robertson; 2 points, Fred Pagano, Camden; 1 point, G. Limond.

Picton v The Oaks
3 points, N. Chesham, The Oaks; 2 points, Alan Menton, Picton; 1 point, D. Small, The Oaks.

Schoolgirls basketball draw

Schoolgirls Saturday morning basketball games are to commence at 10.30 a.m. on August 7, all games to start and finish on the bell.

C grade semi-finals will be played the following week after completing their round.

All grand finals are to be played on August 21 and all teams are to participate in the march past.

Mr. Parsons will judge the march past and Mrs. Ferguson will present the trophies.