



Cammeray Croquet Club



December 2024

<http://www.cammeray-croquet.org.au>

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party on the 8th December was a happy occasion, with a good turnout. A light drizzle did not dampen the enthusiasm, and the new shade was useful.



The Mayor of North Sydney, Zoe Baker, came to hand out prizes, and gave an informative speech thanking us for our contribution to social connectedness in the area.

Our President, Malcolm Sheldon, gave a gracious speech in which he thanked all those who had contributed to the running of the club.



Rob Barrie won the handicap competition



Chris Brown was club champion



Jo Brown won the Platinum Championship



David Gibson won the Silver Championship



Bronwyn McGrane won the Bronze



Margaret and Rob Barrie – joint winners of the Stephen Howes Trophy with Michael Strickland



Some of the delectable food provided



Lucy Rees

Liz Nash and Lucy Rees were awarded the Mila Kotala Trophy for their contribution to the club over the past year. They have been tending the gardens and nourishing the birds.

We are grateful to Mary Goldsack, Kristin Kool-Clark and Gail Parrott for the catering, and to Malcolm Sheldon for organising such a pleasant afternoon.

Lawn maintenance

The annual maintenance of the lawns began on Thursday 5th December with scarifying, followed by top-dressing on the Friday.



top-dressed lawns on Friday 6th December



Lawns on Sunday 8th December

With a good amount of rain, and some hot weather, the grass grew rapidly. The lawns were open for play on Monday 23rd, but as there was still a lot of sand lying on them, the Council delayed mowing the lawns until the grass had grown a little more, as the sand causes damage to the mower blades.



Rose Macaulay, Towers of Trebizond:

'So they left the subject and played croquet, which is a very good game for people who are annoyed with one another, giving many opportunities for venting rancour.'