

# Doug Foster Memorial Bowls Day

## August 31st 2013



A day organised every August in memory of Doug and June Foster, founding members of the West Pymble Bowling Club. Doug "Snowy" Foster was the baby of Tobruk. He was sent home from active service after the bayonet charge rescue of Captain Jack Edmondson. He was only 15 at the time. His uncle spotted him and said "you shouldn't be here, you're too young".

Doug was given the job of taking Edmondson's belongings home to his family. Edmondson's wife arranged a job at Garden Island as an apprentice for the young Doug, where he worked for most of his life fitting out the ships.

He and his wife, June, were foundation members of the Bowling and could be seen bowling and socialising every weekend, filling the greens both on a Saturday (men's) and Sunday (ladies). The men on a Sunday could be seen encouraging the women from the original deck.

Doug was made a life member of the Bowling Club in 1991 for his continued support of the Club. He was President of the Club for 3 years 1988-1991 and was Chairman of Wednesday Sippers Club encouraging younger members to bowl.

He lost his legs in an unfortunate back operation but still continued to support and bowl. When his wife passed away he lost his soul mate and never really recovered from the loss. He is fondly remembered every year by the bowlers and friends that he brought to the club.

We have 82 players with only 2 rinks of full bowling members, the rest are all social who enjoy the day immensely and return every year. It gives them the chance to enjoy bowls without the weekly competition.

The day will be held on Saturday 31st August and is proudly sponsored by:  
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