

THE EDGAR TOWNER VC CLUB

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1979 brought a number of changes and events to our club, not least of which was the formal adoption of the present name, to replace 'the OR's boozier'.

Our present committee has been active in a number of areas this year. The main bar has changed in its appearance, that is the colour was changed from the dark brown to the livelier off white. During the same period of time, other changes were instigated, by the moving of the two benches from the feature wall to that of the dart board area. We once again have a visitors book displayed in a prominent point; a point where we can be proud to have any visitors go to and sign the book.

At about that same time the then Vice President, Ray Smith, left to go to Range Control. Ray has since kept in touch with the unit and the club and word has it that we may see him with the scarlet and black lanyard on once again.

The end of March saw our first and to date best attended Disco. The committee worked hard for that event, as it was a make it or break it event. Apart from some teething problems during the night, it went quite fluently. With the likes of Kym Challenges and Shorty behind the mikes, the music rolled through all night. Whilst at the food side of things, young Blue had things in hand quite well.

Happy Hours were re-introduced during the

earlier part of the year. Attendance to the Happy Hours has fluctuated somewhat from fortnight to fortnight. The highlight of each Happy Hour has been the drawing of the Edgar Towner Raffle. To date there have been eleven such raffles, which have boosted the club's funds somewhat. Without this raffle the club would incur a loss at each Happy Hour, due to the lack of support in buying the minor raffles at each Happy Hour.

Sunday movies proved to be a popular activity during the course of the year. What other club can boast a licenced cinema in Townsville? The movies that have been shown during this year have been quite good on the whole but unfortunately the projectors have been a let down. Also the raffle buying has not been anything to be proud of. For twenty cents a ticket and a chance to win a dozen stubbies one would think that the tickets would be sold without much bother, but unfortunately that's not the case.

But Sunday Movies are only one of the attractions during the afternoon. I speak of the procession that comes back from the various sessions in town. With the likes of Peter, Judd, Macka and Co stumbling in after a 'good day in town'.

With the progression of the second and third Discos the attendances were thinner to the extent that the Xmas Disco was cancelled due to lack of

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support. The committee has worked extra hard prior and during these events and they have been let down by the majority of the members of the club. Hopefully next year each and every member of the club will get right behind their committee members and support the various activities that are put on during the year.

Another change that has occurred this year is the ASCO organisation. The main change is the distribution of the profits. Instead of the profits remaining down south they are now sent back to the units where the profits are made. So it is in our interest to patronise our dry canteen and also the club as much as possible.

I take this opportunity to thank Elaine and her hard working staff. Without their hard work this year we would not have been able to have such an efficient canteen.

This year your committee has spent in the vicinity of \$2,500 on the following items:

- New dart boards. 4 sets at approx. \$100 per set
- Movies (each movie cost approx. \$35)
- Wood for around the dart boards
- Food for the Bar snacks
- Vinyl for the floor around the dart boards
- Curtains
- Paint for the repainting of the main bar
- Purchasing of Stubby Cooler Covers
- Purchasing of Poker tickets
- The new Visitors Book
- Refilling of the gas bottles at the BBQ
- Purchasing of the new bar chairs.

These are but a few of the purchases that the present committee has made on behalf of its members.

Well that almost draws 1979 to a close as far as the Club is concerned so what does next year hold, you may ask. We will be looking to getting the club air conditioned, in landscaping the outside of the area, establishing a ladies lounge in the area of the present Devils Den, carpeting the TV room. These are just a few of the Tavern improvements that are in mind at the present time.

Below is an outline social calendar for the early part of the year:

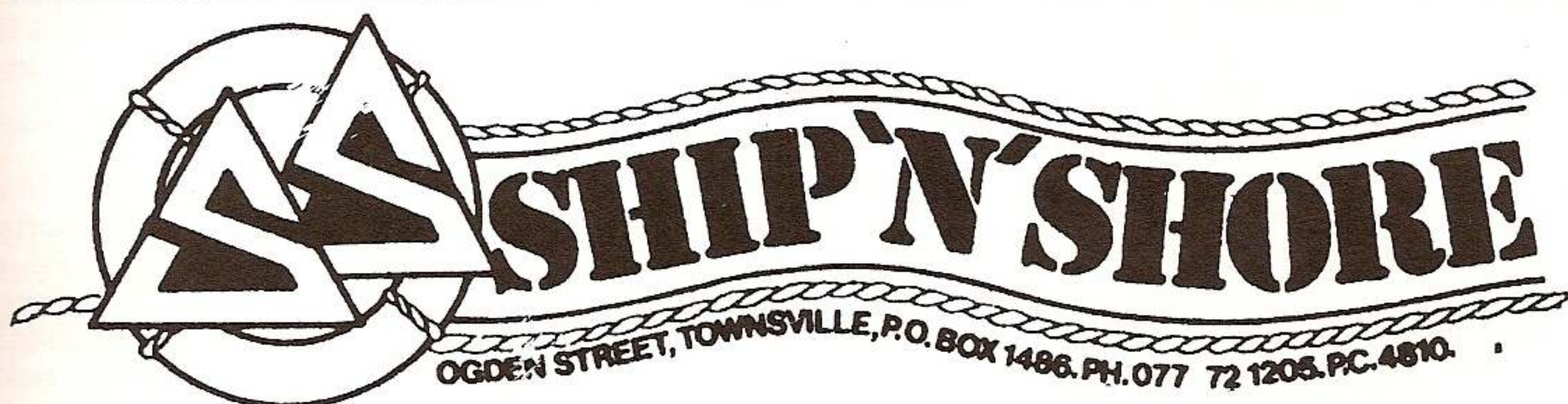
A reef trip

A theme night ie perhaps a country and western night

A gambling night

Re-establish the SPU club and have active sporting competitions.

But in order to have any of the above activities we MUST have volunteers to do the background work. The only reward is seeing that we have the best Club in Lavarack. These volunteers as previously mentioned are known as committee members. If you are interested in making our club even better than what it is why not become a committee member. So until next year when we start our activities once again, I wish you and your dependants a memorable Christmas Leave.



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