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## PROSPECT PÉTANQUE CLUB

Shirley and Rex Hayes had the pleasure of being invited to the Prospect Pétanque Club in Adelaide, South Australia on 3rd May 2007 after the Trans Tasman Tournament, which was played days earlier at St Kilda, Melbourne, Victoria. The invitation was to have the pleasure of meeting up again with the Australian Senior Team on their home terrain (six of the twelve [South] Australian team members are from the Prospect Pétanque Club)



We were picked up from our hotel in the heart of Adelaide city by Mike Mulvihill early evening, and driven the 5.3kms north to Buchanan Street, Nailsworth

### Bag Lady

*A little old lady is walking down the street, dragging two plastic rubbish bags with her, one in each hand.  
There's a hole in one of the bags, and every once in a while a \$20 note is flying out of it onto the pavement.  
Noticing this, a policeman stops her.... "Ma'am, there are \$20 notes falling out of that bag..."  
"Damn!" says the little old lady.... "I'd better go back and see if I can still find some.  
Thanks for the warning!"  
"Well, now, not so fast," says the policeman. "How did you get all that money?" "Did you steal it?"  
"Oh, no", says the little old lady. "You see, my back yard backs up to the parking lot of the Kapiti Petanque Club.  
Each time there's a tournament, a lot of the players come and pee in the bushes, right into my flower beds!"  
"So, I go and stand behind the bushes with a big hedge clipper, and each time someone sticks his things through the bushes, I say: \$20 or off it comes!"  
"Hey, not a bad idea!" laughs the policeman. "OK, good luck! By the way, what's in the other bag?"  
"Well", says the little old lady, "some guys think I'm bluffing."*

On meeting the South Australian Seniors, we had so many questions to ask of their club and the Trans Tasman and likewise from them to us. We were able to play 2 games and have a relaxing barbeque tea, with ample red wine flowing... It was interesting to note, quite a few were keen followers of



the Pétanque web sites in New Zealand. The Prospect Pétanque Club was officially opened on the 21st April 1996 and their clubrooms and terrain are what used to be the 'Prospect Gardens Women's Bowling Club This is a great facility, a clubhouse that can hold up to 200 for a function, with a bar and air conditioning. They have 18 pistes divided into four types of terrain surfaces. Quarry sand; dolomite; gravel on a sandy loam base and one area they refer to as.. North Africa, which is very difficult to play on, (scattered small rocks on a hard clay surface). These pistes are surrounded by lovely gardens and trees. There are coloured lights under their large verandah and rolled up, clear plastic walls can be lowered in adverse weather conditions. They had music playing which created a friendly relaxed atmosphere.

Their club membership is approximately 80 members. They play mostly Triple Tournaments and their Membership Fees are – Family \$50 (covers 2 adults and no working children under 18 years); Single \$40; and Concession (Health Card) 50% of above.

They are at present fundraising, for one of their female Juniors, (Kirsty from the Club De Petanque D'Adelaide), who has been selected to compete at the World Junior Championship in Japan, later this year.

They have a great website which you can view on – [www.prospectpetanque.com.au](http://www.prospectpetanque.com.au).

Shirley and I had a very memorable night, and a special 'thanks' to Mike and his partner Valmai; Dave; Brett; Susan; Allan; and other members of the Prospect Petanque Club. Apologies from Pete accepted..!

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