

THE 1960'S THE EARLY YEARS



Life Member, Ron Filer is the last surviving member of the club's first committee. An electrician by trade Ron was responsible for the wiring and fittings to the first clubhouse (the original Surf Club building). Some of the wiring is still part of the current clubhouse structure.



Club's First Pennant Team 1964

The Ladies Bowling Club was officially inaugurated on November 27th, 1964



District Ladies President Ruby Ferris rolls the first bowl

ANZAC DAY THE FIRST DAWN SERVICE IN COOLUM

By Ron Filer

The photo is of members and locals who attended the first Dawn Service to be held in Coolum Beach. If memory serves me correctly, the year was 1965, and as ANZAC Day fell on a Sunday over a long weekend, several of our members who were servicemen, who lived in Brisbane and had beach homes here, were not keen to go back to the city to attend their respective RSL services and then come back here to finish the long weekend. Somebody (I think it was Neville Edson) suggested we hold a service here at the clubhouse. We had a flag and the only flagpole in the area. The ladies were keen to do the traditional breakfast and a member of the clergy was found to officiate at the ceremony. And, before we knew it, the town's first Dawn Service became a reality.

The morning was such a success that we decided to make it an annual event on the club's calendar, which we did until a local branch of the RSL was formed, who took over the running of the morning. It was still held at the bowls club until the RSL built their own clubhouse, to where it was moved

