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Welcome to the first edition of The Barkers Byte. We hope to publish monthly, and look forward to receiving lots of feedback and articles from every section of the club, including members. Send photos of what you're doing while in isolation and we might publish a Funny Photo page on the website as well as including one or two in the newsletter.

#### News from the Board

Further to the Coronavirus website update of the 23<sup>rd</sup> March: I'm sure you all know the Club remains closed to all members and visitors. However during this time a number of essential activities need to continue to ensure that the Club continues to be in as sound as possible a financial position and the premises and grounds remain in a safe condition.

On behalf of the Board of Management I would like to thank the following members for their support and time during this very challenging period

- Pat Garden and Alan Dans for preparing the kitchen ( freezers, fridges etc.) for the shutdown
- Bruce Morris for looking after the Dsal plant - this is a weekly requirement.
- Steve Rawlingson for continuing to look after financial matters (paying bills etc.)

- Drew Pallot for attending to the beer line maintenance
- Doug Agnew and his team for carrying out essential greens maintenance
- Mid Week selectors for contacting pennant players to check that they are OK

In addition to the above a number of other CV related issues will need to be followed up. They include: apply for the Liquor License refund, apply for a grant from the Victorian Business Support Fund, plus any others that we become aware of.

As you are aware the AGM was scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020. This will have to be postponed and we have been advised that it can be held up till the 31st July. If the Club is still closed at this time then we await further advice from the State Government.

#### Break-in

The insurance claim for the break-in that occurred on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 has been submitted to BCIB and we hope to hear from them in the next week or so. The rear door that was damaged has been replaced. Various security upgrades have been carried out.

#### \$1,000 Draw

Russell Thomas has retired from running the \$1,000 draw and we thank him for the good work he did. We will be calling for members who would like to volunteer to run or help out with this when we are operational again.

#### Corporate Challenge

Most of you probably know that John Drummond has retired as the organiser of the Corporate Challenge event held every February for the last 15 years. We thank John for all his hard work, and we would like members to think of how they could help in organising this most important annual event for the Club. You will hear more on this from the Bowls Committee.

Finally a big thank you to Jackie MacKay and Mandy Carter for taking on the publication and editing of our new newsletter **The Barkers Byte**. Well done and we look forward to being kept up to date and informed on what is happening. So please look after yourselves and stay safe; hopefully we will see you soon on the Green or at the Bar.

*Merv Hicks*

*On behalf of the Board of Management.*



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## A few words from the Coach

*What do I want to tell the bowlers during this break from bowls?*

Your health, safety and well-being are paramount in the days, weeks and months ahead. I wish that you all get to the end of this in a good place physically, mentally and financially.

Everything else comes a distant second.

*What do I want to say about the year we just had?*

WOW, what a great club Mooroolbark is, what a great outcome some of our pennant sides achieved, and what a great bunch of new friends I now have. But you know, it could have been better.

More people need to use my knowledge, more people can improve their game by training and practicing. Maybe this break may make us keen to take the next step.

I will be there for you!

*What do we want to achieve next season?*

MORE!!!!

More sunny days, more members, more pennants, more fun, more bowlers discovering new ways of doing things.

*What Don't we want?*

**VIRUSES!!!**

## Hatched, Matched and hopefully not Despatched

Let us know if you've had any new grandchildren, weddings, special birthdays or special anniversaries in your family and we'll try to publish your important occasions in the newsletter. Photos welcome



*Pam & Dave Hillard recently celebrated 50 years. You get less for murder!*