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We did!

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### From the Board - 17th Aug 2020

The Board continues to hold regular phone meetings to try and keep up with what is happening or in most cases not happening. A number of COVID-19 requirements are being addressed at the moment; these include the Club COVID Safe Plan as required by Bowls Victoria and the State Government plus the Permitted Worker Permit.

As you are aware we have not held our AGM this year and therefore decided we needed to produce an Annual Report that could be sent to Members. This has been completed and will be sent to Members via email or posted, a copy will also be placed on the Club Website.

The Bowls Section President Neil Johnson has decided to step down and the Board would like to thank him for his hard work and dedication during his 4 years as President. The Club will formally acknowledge his contribution once we reopen. The Presidency will be in the very capable hands of Neville Roper until further notice.

So please look out for the Annual Report which details what has happened this most unusual year. Let's hope September brings us some better times and we can get back on the greens even if it is in a limited way so Take Care and Stay Safe.

### Snippets

Take care on the roads as we hear Don Cavanagh has an electric scooter to travel to the bowls club. You never want to get in Don's way at the best of times!

### Bowls Committee

Neil Johnson has stepped down as President of the Bowls Section, and as Vice President I have assumed the role of President until such time as we can hold our AGM and Election of Office Bearers. I would like to thank Neil for his timeless and sometimes thankless work and his contribution to the successful administration of the Bowls Section during his time as President.

Other members of the Bowls Committee have indicated they will continue in their current roles which will provide the Club with stability until we can hold our next AGM.

In relation to the forthcoming bowls season, Bowls Victoria have just released (14<sup>th</sup> Aug) their proposal for the beginning of the Pennant season, (see Bowls Vic website for more details), which they hope will begin on Nov 7<sup>th</sup>. Until then we remain restricted by the Covid19 lockdown but when these restrictions are eventually lifted we will be ready to implement whatever format of bowls we are allowed to play, be that roll ups, social bowls etc. As soon as we receive information from Bowls Vic as to when and under what format we can start playing bowls again we will advise everyone.

There is light at the end of the tunnel and I know we all are breaking our necks to get back to playing bowls. Until then keep safe and healthy and stay positive.

NEVILLE ROPER

### \$1000 Monthly Draw Will Continue With Your Help

Unfortunately no one has yet offered to take on this important role after we asked for volunteers last month so we hope for a better response this time. Mooroolbark bowls club needs someone to look after the running of this monthly draw. All paperwork is in place for take over, everything will be explained, on how to run this successful fund raiser for our club. Please contact Russell Thomas on 9726 9608 for a full description and fundraiser details. Some lucky person walks off with \$1000 every month and you get to give it to them.

### From the Webmaster

As Henny's coaching tips are sometimes too big to fit the newsletter, he now has his own page on the club website. Check out his latest coaching tip at Coach's Corner, <http://mooroolbark.bowls.com.au/coachs-corner/>.

### From the Coach

It goes without saying that unfortunately the Bootcamp on 23rd August is cancelled yet again. Check out my latest coaching tip on my new Coach's Corner page. Meantime stay safe.



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### From Tournament Committee

Unfortunately our diary will need a rehash yet again in light of the Nov start to pennant season. Our Championships were due to start early October. We will endeavour to fit as much into a tighter timeframe as we can, however we hope you understand that some events may not take place, and priority will be given to the better supported championships such as singles and pairs.

Please use our sponsors whenever you can, and please let them know that MBC appreciates their sponsorship. Times will be tough for lots of clubs, all competing for the same sponsorship dollar, so we want our sponsors to know it's still worth sponsoring MBC.

### From the Sunshine Lady

Sympathy card and condolences to Bev Chapman on Graham's passing. Get wells to Karin Meyer and Neil Johnson. 80th Birthday congratulations to Frank Hargreaves and John Drummond. Two past members have passed away - Jack Kirby and Alan Rose. Joe Belli has been given the ok to drive again after having his cataracts done.

### Flashback

Feb 2012: Alan Dufton and Peter Rawlingson celebrated 500 pennant games. Pam Hillard made it through to the state Novice semi-finals.  
May 2013: The Blind Bowlers visited the clubs with 1830 meals served over 9 days. The ladies seemed to be doing all the hard work with 12 hour days mentioned. Wednesday was games night with darts, crib, dominoes and indoor bowls on the menu.  
Feb 2014: Pat Garden and Steve Rawlingson were club champions. Fri morning 3-bowl pairs was started by Trevor Gardall in response to members requests for more social games.

### From the Editor

If you any news items of interest, please email me or ring me. All contributions appreciated by middle of September for the next newsletter. If you've just had a new grandchild, a wedding in the family or a major anniversary, we'd love to hear about it and feel free to send a pic too. Approx 100 words is perfect and whatever we can fit in, we will. Let's keep in touch during lockdown.

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