



Who let the dogs out?  
We did!

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### From the Board

Unfortunately as you are all aware there is not a lot happening at the Club with no changes to COVID restrictions that affect us since the last edition of Barkers Byte. Hopefully with the COVID numbers decreasing some good news is not too far away.

Behind the scenes though allowable essential works are happening including greens maintenance, daily security checks and collection of rubbish which mysteriously appears from over the fence. All of this will enable the Club to open very quickly once we are allowed.

The Board continues to meet (by phone) and we have been applying for the various grants that are available, paying bills and looking after our finances which at this time are in a reasonable state.

Hopefully you will all have received or seen the Annual Report which we hope was both informative and interesting. At this time the printing of the Year Book is on hold and is dependent on whether the Pennant season happens this year. The Club Christmas party is still booked for the 19th December so please put the date in your diary and we will let you know asap if it is going ahead. So please take care and stay safe.

### From Bowls Committee

We are still waiting for news from Bowls Vic regarding the start of pennant. No doubt Bowls Vic will advise us as soon they are told when Bowls can begin.

Doug's team have began to work on our greens, so they will be ready as soon as we get the go ahead to start playing bowls in whatever format.

Henny has advised he would like to implement a Personal Development Plan for members to improve their bowls. I would encourage all those who want to improve their bowls to take advantage of Henny's offer.

Jackie Mackay has been working on an online booking system for roll ups, for when we do resume bowls under Covid 19, so please help Jackie refine this system by helping her with her trial.

As we all have been in lockdown for a considerable time now and have not been able to socialize with other club members as we normally do, why don't we all make the effort to contact other members to see how they are coping being in lockdown.. Stay safe and well

### Sunshine Lady

Joe Belli has had his cataracts done, and is able to drive again. A get well card to Lorraine Hampton.

We do hope she is a lot better and ready for bowls. Best wishes to Dave Hillard after his back operation. A sympathy to Lyn Cameron who lost her partner. 80th birthday to Annette Taylor. Sympathy card sent to the families of Alf Grundy and Bert Closter and to Aila (partner of Bert).

### Snippets

Thanks to Peter Orger for taking on the \$1000 draw. Big congrats to Shirley and Dave Everett celebrating their DIAMOND wedding anniversary (60 years of bliss says Dave) on 17th Sept, the same day as Shirley's birthday. Glenda and Eric Atkinson celebrated their 19th Anniversary this month.

### From the Webmaster

We know that any return to bowls will be under tight restrictions, and will rely heavily on volunteers. With that in mind, we're trialling a rink booking app made available to us from Bowls Vic. This should greatly reduce the number of phone calls volunteers would otherwise receive. Although we can't play yet, please try it out by booking some rinks so we get used to it before (and if) it goes live. Don't worry, you're NOT booked in - it's only a test run. When it goes live, anyone without internet can of course book a rink by phone. You can access the calendar from the website via [EVENTS/RINK BOOKINGS CALENDAR](#) button.



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### From Wally the Garden Guru

Hi everyone, Jackie asked me would I write a few lines for the newsletter. She chose me because she thought my garden wouldn't have a leaf out of place. To the contrary I hate prissy gardens; mine is rough and ready like it's owner.

Hope you have all pruned your roses, good idea to give them a feed with rose fertilizer after pruning. We all know about deadheading roses or removing spent flowers, well the same applies to daffodils and jonquils. This will put energy back in the bulbs. Don't cut off leaves and stems. Let them die off naturally. After deadheading feed with equal amounts of sulphur of potash and blood and bone and water in. This is also a good time to aerate you're lawn with a garden fork in lines two feet apart, wiggle fork around a bit to let air in then feed with lawn fertilizer; water in well as it could burn your grass. This only needs to be done once a year.

Well that's all for now keep safe see you soon.

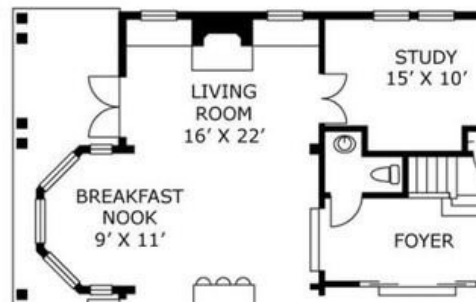
### From the Coach

Hello Mooroolbark Bowlers. Sadly, we are not out there yet doing what we so love & enjoy but that doesn't mean you can't plan or set some goals for the coming season, So **USE THIS TIME PRODUCTIVELY**

Why don't you contact me and we can discuss creating a "Personal Development Plan' just for you. We can put it down on paper and work on it together. Call me on 0418 530 247 or email to [cortencall@gmail.com](mailto:cortencall@gmail.com). Regards - Henny

### Funny side

*Looking at the map for some weekend travel ideas.*



*I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch them with a six-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!*

### From Umpires

We all, not just the newer bowlers, need to know or be reminded of good etiquette around the greens. What is purely a case of not knowing etiquette can be interpreted as bad sportsmanship, so remember that our behaviour reflects on the good name of MBC. First reminder - don't behave in a way that diverts the attention of a player delivering their bowl. This includes loud talking, standing behind a player and shouting compliments or encouragement to players on other rinks. Movement of players/spectators in line of sight of the bowler is another distraction. Social games are usually very relaxed, but it's still important to be aware for more serious tournaments and pennant.



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