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From the Board

The Board and Bowls Section AGMs will be held on 16th May. Further details to follow. A new colour copier is being purchased for the office as unfortunately the current one is not fixable.

\$1000 Draw

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNER OF JANUARY \$1000 Draw JULIE BURTON. Please get your money in for the February draw by Tuesday 23 February. The draw will take place about 5pm on **Saturday 27th Feb** after pennant.

Membership

MBC welcomes the following new members: Rodney Dobell, John Ramm, Murray Robertson.

From the Sunshine Lady

Get well card to Betty McKenzie now out of Box Hill Hospital and to Laurie Kirby. Cards to Stan Ingram for 90th birthday on 1st March, to Ann Staggard, 80th birthday on 3rd March.



Snippets

Rumour has it that card games and carpet bowls could be happening on some winter evenings. If so, we will be looking for volunteers to help out.

From Tournament

The first six months of the year are especially busy for the Tournament Committee. Mooroolbark Classic is on Labour Day Mon 8th March and is filling fast. Closes 1st March so get your entry in ASAP or you'll miss out. Caladenia Day on Sunday 18th April is now open, and we already have quite a few teams entered from other clubs. So if interested, get your team together and put your name on the entry sheet. I hear many players won't enter the big money events as they think they can't win, but you never know - it's all on the day and we all know we're capable of great bowls at any time. Bowls is the great equaliser as it doesn't really require strength or a great level of fitness. Thanks to our sponsors for Classic: Carpet Court, The Blind Factory, Yarra Valley Motors, Yarra Ranges Lawyers. Thanks to our sponsor for Caladenia Day: Methven, the Professionals.

THANKS to everyone who came to the Sunday lunch & bowls on 21st Feb. We had 36 players, who enjoyed a fun day, and a lovely lunch. Winners photos are on the website under GALLERY. A show of hands indicated that many preferred the stick draw 3 games, rotating positions format to the usual 2-4-2. So we will certainly factor some of those as well as the ever popular 2-4-2 for the future.

MOST championships are getting to their final stages, with only a few still to finish. Men's Fours is the last event left that is still open for entries, closing Sat 27th Feb. Sadly we only have 4 teams (same as last year). It will still go ahead as 4 teams = 16 players willing to have a go, however we may consider other options for next season.

I would like to thank the Wed and Fri social game organisers who do a great job week in and out, often having to re-organise rinks at late notice when players don't turn up without warning. Please think of them, and if for any reason your name is down and you can't play, please call them as soon as you can. Don McKie organises Fri, and either Dave Everett or Peter Meyer are good contacts for Wed. SPONSORS are scarce due to covid-19 affecting many businesses, so please support your club whenever you can.



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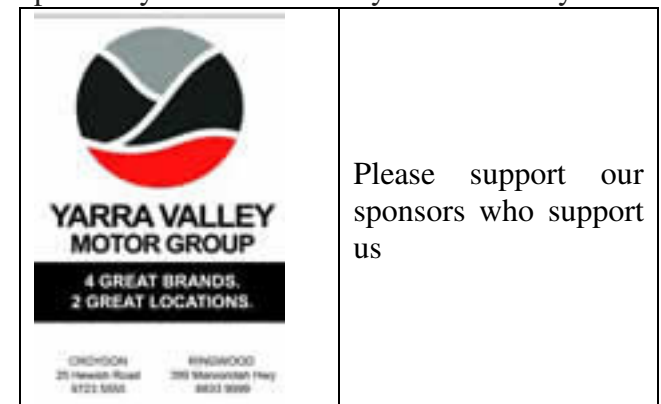
I've not received much input this month, so you're hearing from me instead. NOT a bowls related item, but I wanted to alert members, in case they don't know, that concession card holders (and some other types of card holders), can apply for a \$250 energy rebate. I only seen this once on the news a few weeks ago, so it seems to be low key as not being publicised very much. **YOU WON'T GET IT UNLESS**

YOU APPLY FOR IT. I can only see an online application process, but as links don't display on the PDF newsletter, I have uploaded the link to MBC Facebook and MBC website. You have about a year to apply for it, so no rush. If anyone can't find the link I'm sure I can send it to you if you contact me (this is a test to see if you know who the editor is.....)

From the Garden Guru

Hi everyone, I'm going to ask you members for advice about my standard rose bush. I pruned it back harder than usual in July but it has not recovered, the leaves are half normal size and only one bud has appeared and I think the possums had that although they have never touched it before so Help!!! I'll see you on the bowling green. This month cut off all seedheads if you still have agapanthus; asian vegetables can be planted now - Tatsoi, Chinese cabbage, and mizuna. Spray azaleas if lace bug (rusty brown colouring underneath and silver on top) is present. Start planting daffodils, amaryllis and crinum at end of month. Fertilise citrus trees, half measure for plants in pots and top up mulch. Plant alyssum, carnation, cineraria (I love them) cyclamen corms, delphinium, hollyhock, larkspur linaria, Lobelia, nemesis. My favourite, pansy petunia,

Snapdragon, sweet pea and verbena. Start pruning fruit trees, cut back perennials after flowering. Watch for powdery mildew on zucchinis, pumpkin and cucumber; if present spray with a lime sulphur product. Lightly prune roses and fertilise to encourage Autumn blooming, this doesn't apply to my standard rose ha! Plant brussel sprouts, broccoli, carrots, choufleur, cabbage spinach and silver set. What's new? A cool addition to summer gardens is the white bloomed verbena (super bushy white), from Aussie Winners. It flowers profusely in Autumn. See you soon Wally.



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