



Who let the dogs out?  
We did!

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### **From the Board**

Hopefully for those members who are eligible to attend and vote, you have received your AGM notification letter (16th May at 10:00am); if not could you please contact Eric Atkinson (0488 222 706 or [eric.atkinson@bigpond.com](mailto:eric.atkinson@bigpond.com)). If you are thinking of volunteering for one (or more) of the various sub-committees the nomination forms are next to the nominations box on the Bar. There are still a number of positions to be filled and we encourage you to consider what you can do to help the Club continue to be successful.

Pennant Season and almost all Club Championships have been completed. Many congratulations to all who reached the finals and the eventual winners. It was good to see that Mooroolbark Bowls Club was given well-deserved recognition by Bowls Victoria by being the club chosen to host the Saturday Division 1 Pennant Grand Final. Thank you to all the organisers and volunteers who helped make the day such a success for both participants and spectators.

Now that competition bowls is over for the season, we can concentrate on the various enhancements to the grounds and clubhouse

facilities. The Monday Morning and Projects Crew will continue to be busy over winter.

It is hoped that the Friday Night get-together and Members' Draw will start up again after the AGM. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Snippets**

From Ross Tolliday: Just wanted to let the club know, I have not been able to play bowls due to a shoulder injury, I have had a operation on the shoulder 10<sup>th</sup> March, not able to drive for 6 weeks. Now having physio and hope to get back to bowls sometime.

Congratulations to Michael Tull for winning March \$1000 draw. Number 16 one of Michael's 5 numbers was drawn. This was the last draw for this season, but we will be back when pennant starts in October. Thank you to all who participated.

### **From Membership**

Our newest members are: Kevin Marr, Cathy Eckelt, Greg Crotty and Gary Smith.

Can members please wear their name badges so our new members get to know you. I know we will all welcome them on to the greens.

### **From the Sunshine Lady**

80th birthday cards sent to John McDonald and Jim Warr. Get well to Ross Tolliday. Best wishes to Barry Allman after his recent eye surgery. John Neagle is home from hospital after a shoulder injury, and will be out of bowls for around six months. Sympathy to Eric, Maisie and Doug Stevens for the loss of their son and brother. Also a sympathy card to Judy Schuler whose husband Peter passed away; Peter spent a lot of time at Mooroolbark. Denis Peters has been in hospital but back home by the time the newsletter gets to you.

### **From Tournament**

The final championship of the season will be decided on Sun 2nd May. Men's 100 Up Gary Roberts v Ron Morton (marker Bob Milligan). Ladies' 100 Up Mandy Carter v Jackie MacKay (marker Pat Garden).

We will be looking at changes to the Mixed Fours and Men's Fours championships next season as both events only had four teams entered last year and the year prior which is not enough to sustain a good competition.

GOOD FRIDAY - raised \$648 for the Royal Children's Hospital. Well done to Don



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MacKie for great organisation. Thanks to BP Mooroolbark for donation of raffle prizes.

CALADENIA Day - thanks to our sponsor METHVEN THE PROFESSIONALS MOOROOLBARK. Sponsors have been scarce to non-existent over the past financial year, so their sponsorship of Caladenia Day was most welcome. We had 36 teams in total, 28 of those made up from a combination of visiting clubs and Mooroolbark/composite teams. After a couple of light showers early on, the day went without a hitch. There were many compliments on the morning tea and lunch and the smooth running of the day. A big thanks to all the volunteers who assisted. We couldn't do it without you. A total of \$750 was donated to the Caladenia Centre consisting of \$500 from George Hume's raffles (great job George), and a further \$250 donated from the club.

Overall 4 game winners were from Lilydale: David Carroll (S), Carly Morrison (2nd), Jay Bye-Norris (L). All results and photos are on MBC Website under the GALLERY page. Congratulations to all winners and to all players for making it such a great day. PRESENTATION DAY is Sat 8th May. Two games of 8 ends starting 12.30pm, 3 Bowl Triples, Stick Draw. Afternoon tea and

presentations will be after the 2nd game (probably around 3.30-4pm). Cost is only \$6 to cover afternoon tea. Beryl and her helpers will be working hard, so whether you've won something or not, please come along and try some of their lovely baking and have a great day bowling for just \$6pp. If you just want to come for afternoon tea the cost is still \$6, so why not bring your bowls and join in the games.

#### From the Garden Guru

Hi everyone. April is the time to grow primulas, pansies, and Iceland poppy for winter flowering. Lift and divide bearded iris. Plant hyacinth and tulips in pots so that they can be brought indoors and enjoyed in spring. I just love daffodils the more the merrier, I must have over three thousand in my garden and will be planting more from the Aussie Bulb Company shortly. It's time to cut back Cannas; be cruel. Plant new lemon trees now; use sulphate of potash around drip line. Dig compost into vegie beds. Cymbidium orchids feed with a high potassium fertiliser. Lift dahlia corms and store in dry place. Plant aquilegia; not only lovely flowers but exquisite foliage, Californian tree poppy, Canterbury Bell, carnation, hollyhock, larkspur, lupin,

nasturtium, oriental poppy, pansy and stock. Fuchsias: prune as flowers finish to encourage new blooms. Fertilise lawns when it's raining. Pull out and destroy old tomato plants. Vegetables: plant broad beans, beetroot, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, lettuce, onion, parsnip, radish, silver best, spinach and turnip. What's new: the deep pink of the David Austin rose Sir John Betjeman just gets deeper as the blooms open, an arching bush rose, it's perfect for borders against softer colours. See you soon Wally.



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