



Who let the dogs out?
We did!

Contributions can be sent to The Editor
Jackie MacKay, T 9738 7064
Email jj.mackay@bigpond.com

From the Board

Now that we are well into 2021 and have become accustomed to the remaining COVID restrictions (hand sanitising, social distancing, contact tracing etc) it is important that we continue to adhere to these requirements as the last thing we want is another lockdown so please do your bit to keep us safe.

During 2020/21 we have been unable to promote our valuable sponsors and therefore have received very little sponsorship money for this period. We have recently been in contact with our regular sponsors who have all said they are happy to continue with their previous rate of sponsorship. So we look forward to seeing them in 2021/22. However despite the lack of sponsorship money the club's finances are in a reasonable state.

We have ordered a new colour printer to replace the existing one which was only able to print black and white. This should arrive this week.

This year's AGM (Bowls & Club) will be on the 16th May and the notification letter will be posted in early April with the agendas.

On Friday 19th March a number of club members attended a Fire Awareness Presentation given by our own Robbie Telling from Profire Fire Safety Services. This was very informative and we got to play with fire extinguishers in the back car park. So thanks Robbie but let's hope we never have to use the skills learned.

The major planting project behind green 3 in front of the Eastern perimeter fence continues and we

look forward to this enhancement of our grounds over the next few years. A big thank you to the Monday Morning Crew and Marilyn Bull for her expertise and assistance. Congratulations to all our Club Bowls Champions and the Mid Week and Saturday Pennant teams who made the finals, well done.

Time's Up for Bingo

As some of you may know, at the February Board Meeting it was agreed that, unfortunately, the time has come to say goodbye to Tuesday Night Bingo. The COVID-19 lockdown and restrictions meant there was no Bingo for over twelve months and therefore this seemed the appropriate time to call the last number.

BINGO has been a regular Tuesday Night event at the Club for over 30 years and has generated many thousands of dollars which has helped with the successful running of the Club. During this time please note that the Club has never had to subsidise BINGO in any way.

For these 30+ years there have many helpers, callers and other volunteers and we thank them very much for their time and hard work.

However when we talk and think of BINGO one name comes to mind and that is our Life Member June Simmons. June has been instrumental in running and organising the night and has been the BINGO face for all this time. So on behalf of the Board of Management and all Mooroolbark Bowls Club Members well done June and we greatly appreciate and thank you for your time, hard work and dedication to the Club.

The Club will acknowledge her efforts formally at the AGM in May.

From Selection

We have come to the end of another pennant season – one that was altered in several different ways by COVID. The season was shortened, the breaks were affected (or non-existent) and shaking hands prohibited. Through all this fog we managed to have a reasonable season – with two rinks scoring 8 shots, one team winning a game by 119 shots and one skip going through the season undefeated.

For the Saturday Pennant we fielded 6 teams. Three of these teams, the 3rd, 4th and 6th teams all finished 2nd on their respective ladders, giving us 3 home semi-finals. The 3rd and 4th teams both won these, but unfortunately stumbled on a bleak and rainy Sunday; the 4ths losing by only one shot on the last end of the day. We had no teams relegated for the season.

The Mid Week Pennant fielded 7 teams, all of which were very competitive, with three teams – 1sts, 4ths and 6ths making the finals. The 1st and 6th teams lost their semis and the 4ths, this time winning by one shot on the last end of the day. The Grand Final has now been played, and we are winners by 17 shots. Well done 4th team!!! The midweek Pennant also had no teams relegated.

So, in summary, for the club, that gives us one premiership, two runners up and three finalists. All in all, a season that was very satisfactory and gives us a good launching pad for next season.

A BIG THANK YOU to both selection committees, all our team managers, all the players and everyone else who helped in any way. All help is always greatly appreciated.



Who let the dogs out?
We did!

Contributions can be sent to The Editor
Jackie MacKay, T 9738 7064
Email jj.mackay@bigpond.com

From Sunshine Lady

Cards sent to Mary Warr and Ken Garden. Condolences sent to Michael Finnigan's family on his passing on 23rd March.

From Tournament

One of our biggest events for the year, The Mooroolbark Classic, went off smoothly with 36 teams entered. The only hiccup was a team who turned up in error as they had entered for Caladenia Day (and paid all their money in advance too). Thanks to Trish Bosley, Judy and John Baker for deciding to pull out, allowing the other team to play. The team in question happened to be last year's Classic winners, and would you believe, they won again!! More importantly they still kept their entry in for Caladenia Day. Caladenia Day is now full, however we're happy to take names for emergencies.

CHAMPIONSHIPS are almost finished at last. Presidents Handicap and Men's Fours finals 6pm Fri 26th March, Men's and Ladies 100 Up Final Sun 2nd May.

TUESDAY bowls will be starting after Easter (BYO lunch. Sat bowls starts 10th April. Entry sheets are now up for: **Good Friday** 3 Bowl Pairs, **Anzac Day** Sun 25th April.

Snippets

Congratulations to the Feb \$1000 draw winner BOB MILLIGAN. March draw is Friday 26th March.

We hope you're still enjoying the Barkers Byte. Can you believe it's ONE YEAR OLD this month. It was launched last March to try to keep members in touch with the club during lockdown. Although things have settled down, we hope you're still enjoying it. We love

to hear your special events, anniversaries or special occasions, so please feel free to send them to me. Here's to another great year at MBC - Jackie

From Membership

The Club welcomes the following new introductory members: John and Bev Crotty, Robin Burton, Henry Meester and Chris Holmes

From Marlyn, our resident Landscaper

As you know, the wonderful maintenance group planted out the screen along the east fence today. They have done a wonderful job in the last few months to go from removing all the privet to planting and I really would like to thank them all. Some had only a short period of time available on some days, others spent all morning working hard, and dare I say it, many are not altogether young. They were all really enthusiastic and all input was valuable. Geoff and I are really appreciative of the support from the board to do such a big project.



From the Garden Guru

Hi everyone, for winter flowering annuals, pot up primulas if you grew them last year, look for seedlings in your lawn or flower beds, they sow seeds profusely. Pansies, viola and Iceland poppy too. Bulbs - plant anemone, daffodils, freesia, grape hyacinth, jonquil, lachenalia, sparaxis and tritonia. Fertilise camelias now. Citrus - fertilise and spray with white oil if insects, scale, or leaf-miner are present. Use autumn leaves to improve your compost heap, run over dried ones with lawn mower, (don't forget your catcher ha.) Plant alyssum, (another self seeding plant) carnation, cornflower, Canterbury bells, delphinium, hollyhock, lupin, stock and verben. Trim your hedges, before cooler weather sets in. Deadhead lavender after flowering. Repair any damaged area in your lawn and sow new seed. Order bare-rooted roses for winter planting, but never plant a rose where one used to be; they give off toxins that will kill roses but not other plants. Sow sweetpeas in well worked soil. Store tulips in crisper for 4-6 weeks before planting. Vegies - plant beetroot, broccoli, cabbage, leek, lettuce, onion, parsnip, radish and silver best. What's new - a hardy performer that tolerates both frost and heavy soils is the large pink-flowered Aussie-rambler from Ozbreed. That's all for now see you soon Wally.

I just helped my neighbour bury a roll of carpet in the woods. Her husband would have done it but he's out of town

