



# Who let the dogs out? We did!

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### From the Board

Welcome back from Lockdown 4, let's hope this is the last one. As you know the Clubhouse and the synthetic bowling green have been open in a restricted manner in accordance with State Government and Bowls Victoria COVID requirements since Saturday 12th June. However following yesterday's announcements (both State and Bowls Vic) we are pleased to say we can return to our usual bowls events (social, competition, coaching etc) plus have a larger number of members in the Clubhouse.

UNFORTUNATELY last Friday's (11th June) storm caused a number of trees to fall which have damaged the perimeter fence at the rear of the Club, but thanks to various Club members (Monday Morning Crew and others) the mess was cleaned up and repairs to the fence were quickly attended to. The power was also out for most of Friday, but overall we came out of it pretty well, unlike some members who lost power for a number of days and had some property damage.

THE next Board meeting is scheduled for the 28th June and we hope to confirm the Board of Directors and their portfolios then.

SO we look forward to seeing you either in the Clubhouse or on the greens over the coming

weeks and don't forget if you can find a little time to volunteer for one of the many jobs that keep the Club going please do so.

## From Coach Henny

Reminder that there is a coaching session on Sunday 26th June from 10am-12 noon (all dependent on weather, covid, or power issues!). The focus will be on finding your line and weight. All members welcome.

## From the Sunshine Lady

Cards sent to Hans Brumi for his 80th Birthday and Frank Hargreaves on the passing of his wife Dorothy. Peter Stevenson is home after 7 weeks in hospital, Berneice said is frail but happy to be home. Brian Birthisel is back in Epworth Hospital and Jim Michael is in hospital.

## From Membership

New members for May were Wayne Barrett, Greg Paterson and Ian Game. Reminder that fees are now due. Payment would be appreciated by end June please.

#### **Bits and Pieces**

If any member has changed their mobile or home contact numbers, please let Mandy Carter know ASAP so the new 2021/22 diary can be updated. Email your new details to mandysmanz@hotmail.com.

We're also updating our sponsors' details in the new diary, so if there are any businesses out there reading our newsletter who are interested in sponsoring Mooroolbark Bowls Club, or if any member knows of any businesses who might be interested, please ask them to contact Mandy Carter or Tony McDonald. We would love to include you and promote you in our new diary.



Following the very high winds in last weeks storm. Eric Atkinson had to aet this tree removed as an emergency as it was about to fall on their neighbour's property, The only way to remove it was to lift it over the top with a large 55 tonne crane.

Unfortunately the crane sank into the nature strip and smashed the water main which wasn't fixed until the next day (happy days). Fortunately very little damaged except to Eric's bank balance!





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Visit Tony and Brenda at Mooroolbark Haberdashery on Brice Avenue to stock up on wool and start knitting those winter woollies.

#### From Tournament

After such a late start and finish to last season's championships, I can't believe that we're now planning for the coming season. The dates are finalised (subject to any covid related changes) and the first events (Men's, Ladies and Open Minor Singles) will be posted on the noticeboard in mid August.

Conditions of Play state that R1 & 2 of singles games (incl Presidents Handicap) were required to be played on the same day. Members' feedback is that the majority prefer not to play 2 rounds on the same day, and that some members won't enter due to this condition. With our ageing membership, health

and safety is a priority, and even for younger players, 2 championship games on a hot day isn't easy.

IT has also been seen as unfair when one player has a R1 bye, and comes in fresh for a 1pm game, while their opponent has already played in the morning, often in hot weather. So for the coming season we will not **require** 2 rounds on the same day, however players **MAY** opt to play R1&2 together by joint agreement. In the unlikely case an event has a much bigger entry than usual, necessitating more than five rounds, then we may revert to R1&2 on the same day for that particular event in order to ensure it is completed in time for the final.

TO ensure sufficient time to complete singles championships by the Super Sunday final on 5th Dec, Open Minor Singles will start Sunday 26/9 (closes Sat 18/9) and Men's/Ladies' Singles will start Sun 3/10 (closes 25/9). Most players are back from their trips to Qld by then, but if anyone is unable to put their names down, please ring Jackie or a member of the tournament committee and we'll enter your name.

### From the Garden Guru

Hi everyone, continue planting camellias. I love them and I have at least thirty in my garden. Dig up and divide old clumps of Cannas to produce new plants. Plant Daphne in a sheltered spot that gets morning sun one of the sweetest scented plants I know but the Lucilia shrub beats them all; its pretty rare so if you see one in a garden centre grab it you won't be disappointed.

Flowers: plant alyssum, calendula, candytuft, Canterbury bell Nigela (Lawson) remember her, pansy, penstemon, poppy primula, Snapdragon, viola and wallflower. Frost protect tender plants with temporary overnight cover use plastic bags your sliced loaf comes in, just cut little holes in it. Reduce watering indoor plants. Continue planting Lilliums for a summer display. Check for snails especially after rain. My notes say prune roses in late June but personally I prune first week in July. Start planting early varieties of strawberries. Plant bare rooted deciduous trees in well worked soil.

Vegetables: plant asparagus, rhubarb, and broad beans.(dig foliage in after harvest to enrich soil). What's new: delicate blooms of blue and creamy white make long flowering viola blue porcelain from Oasis a stand out in gardens, pots or hanging baskets.

Happy Gardening. See you on the bowling green, Wally.