



Who let the dogs out?
We did!

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From the Board of Management

Here we go again and again: Lockdown number 6c (We've lost count). You know the hardest thing about a 7 day lockdown is the first two weeks. Some good news: after a long battle with NBN and Telstra we finally managed to get our new telephone system installed on the 9th August. We now have our internet and printer working again. This exercise highlighted that as a club we need some I.T. expertise readily available, someone who can talk the same language as the tech companies. Hopefully we can find a member to fill this role but if not we will have to look outside the club for some professional help.

At the last Board meeting (2nd Aug) it was agreed that the bar drinks prices need to increase as it is two years since the last rise. The price increase will commence once the lockdown is over. These prices will still be good value and considerably less than in most other licensed premises. It was also agreed that the club will close and all members and visitors must leave no later than 60 min after the bar closes. That will depend on what time bar staff are rostered to finish.

The Club Honour Boards have been updated so please have a look on your next visit; your name might even be there.

A number of our members have been enjoying the sunshine up North for the last few weeks and are now wondering if they will ever get back home. Let's hope they do and not decide to stay there (lucky them). So stay safe and as soon as we hear when we can re-open we will let you know.

From Tournament

I'm writing this from the Sunshine Coast, where we had an 8 day lockdown ending 8 Aug. Now almost back to normal except no bowls competitions allowed although roll ups, max 10 per green can be booked. Thank goodness there's been no problem with golf so we've had lots of games. We're looking forward to getting back to bowls competitions next week. We had planned to come back about 30th Aug, but may extend our stay for another week or two.

We were sorry to see Vic back in lockdown. Hopefully it will be over soon so championship plans can proceed. But if the lockdown continues, we'll have to "roll with the punches" once again. Current plans are that entry forms will go up for Minor, Men's and Ladies' singles as soon as the club opens, with R1 26/9 (Minors), and 3/10 (Mens/Ladies), also Mixed 4s. Fortunately we allowed about 3 weeks between rounds so we can shorten that timeframe if covid delays the start date. If you can't get to the club to put your name down, please ring one of the three tournament

committees members still in Vic (Judy Baker, Peter Meyer or Helen Scott).

All other events are obviously on hold and dependent on covid.

Stay safe & sane down there - Jackie

Bits & Pieces

I know we have a few new members rolling up on the greens at the moment, some have moved over from other clubs and others are brand new to bowls. It's nice to welcome any new faces and introduce yourself to make all our new members feel welcome.

Don't forget once the lockdown is over, we now have Saturday Scrounges. Everyone playing enjoys the format, but numbers are small with only 2 rinks. So why not give it a go when we get back to bowls - who knows when we might be back in again :)

From Membership

We welcome the following new members: Amo Centracchio, Owen Tutty, Richard Cameron, Carl Giardina, Brian Poppy Quigley.

The Club also welcomes back Tony West and Rick Bennett who have rejoined the Club from Lilydale.

Geoff Bull & the Monday Morning Crew

Well, not a lot has happened of late between lockdowns and the rain, it has all been a bit limiting. We have managed to sand and lower the height of four of the wooden tables along the front



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of the club rooms and as far as painting goes, that has all been put on hold.

You may also have noticed a large pile of rubble over the rear of the grounds, supposed to be clean fill that I had arranged for free after seeing what was being delivered to my neighbour. The truck load that was going to his place was diverted to the club and as luck would have it I got the rubbish load, so my apologies and I now have a bit of a headache to clean up/get rid off. If anybody wants some fill, rocks and all give me a call I will even help load and deliver if necessary.

A couple of upcoming activities in the pipeline: the garden in front of the outside toilets has become a bit of a nightmare to continually maintain with a really bad flick week problem over there so it has been decided to remove the garden and either have a couple of plants in front of the toilets or just grass it all. It is also planned to sand and repaint the shelters surrounding the greens so weather and lockdowns permitting, that will happen over the next few weeks.

I would also like to thank John Crotty for coming down and helping maintain the gardens. If you can spare half an hour or so on Monday mornings, you will be more than welcome, a bonus is that we have very nice morning teas thanks to some great cooking by the ladies, although there is a rumour that the men may have to contribute to the delicacies provided in the future, so we might just end up with potato chips on the odd occasion.

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From the Sunshine Lady

Jo Nyhuis will be having an operation on 9th Aug on her shoulder after she had a fall. Robbie Forbes and Mike Senior both have passed away. Founding member Lorraine Harvey passed away 13 Aug. Joan Mond's has been placed in the Aged Care at Lilydale, (the same place as Ken Frazer), Sofie Franz has had a few days in hospital. Alan McKenzie has been in rehab for a few weeks, home again now. Barbara Mortley has moved to Alexandra to be closer to her son. Mary Warr has finished her Chemotherapy and has her operation on 20th Aug at Box Hill hospital. Jim Warr is out of hospital and doing well after a kidney stone operation.

From the Garden Guru

Hi everyone winter is nearly over; all we need now is to get rid of covid and we will be flying. Dead head and spray azaleas if petal blight (brownish spotting on petals) is present, fertilise camellia. Check for gall wasp on lemon trees (indicated by swellings on branches, cut off and destroy. It

probably is a little late to prune now as new buds are forming, but I only pruned mine this week so it's fine. Plant dahlia tubers now. Sow seeds of calendula, candytuft, cleome, cornflower, French marigold, gazania, nemesis, lobelia, pansy, primula, stock and viola. Fruit trees - prune apple peach and apricot. Hedges - Plant hedges to benefit spring growth. Feed lawns with a slow release product and water gypsum into clay soil lawns, hear that's an old fashioned remedy. Decide and repot water lilies. Roses - fertilise to promote spring growth. Sow sunflower seeds in soil that drains well. Vegetables - plant beetroot, broccoli, brussel sprouts, carrot, cauliflower, globe artichoke, onion, radish, rhubarb, shallots and silverbeet. What's new? for one of the best bottle brushes, check out the red and pinky Callistemon All Glow, from the Ramm Botanicals. Luminous pink new growth is nearly as stunning as its blooms.

Hope to see you soon Wally

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