



Who let the dogs out?
We did!

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From the Board

They say “No News is Good News” but sadly not at this time. We are still waiting for a statement from the State Government and Bowls Victoria regarding when we can open the club and return to bowls, but who knows when this will be? If you look at the September 2020 edition of Barkers Byte you will see very little has changed over the last 12 months, it read:

Unfortunately as you are all aware there is not a lot happening at the Club with no changes to COVID restrictions that affect us since the last edition of Barkers Byte. Behind the scenes though allowable essential works are happening including greens maintenance, daily security checks and collection of rubbish which mysteriously appears from over the fence. All of this will enable the Club to open very quickly once we are allowed. The Board continues to meet (by phone) and we have been applying for the various grants that are available, paying bills and looking after our finances which at this time are in a reasonable state.

WE have been asked what will happen regarding COVID vaccinations and all we can say is that we are waiting for advice from the authorities. At this time they are not mandatory however we would encourage all members who are eligible to get fully vaccinated for the health of themselves, other members and visitors so when we do open we are all ready to go.

SOME good news: in the last edition of Barkers Byte we asked if any suitable member could take on the role of our IT person. We are pleased to announce that Geoff Bull has put his hand up. Geoff worked in the telecommunications industry and will be of great assistance to the Club. Thanks Geoff.

We have recently extended our pest control contract to cover the workshop and pumphoom. So please be aware that there are rat baits in those areas.

SO stay safe and as soon as we hear when we can re-open we will let you know.

Board of Management.

For pennant uniforms (ladies or men) please contact Neil Johnson 0403221070 or Geoff Lade 0403111630

From Coach Henny

Hello everyone, I sincerely miss your company on the green and at the club. I hope you are going along as well as can be expected and that we get back to some form of normality (which will involve bowls) as soon as possible. That being said, what is likely to happen when we do go back?

MOST probably, pre-season practice will be minimal or non-existent, so those practice matches we had planned will be lost. Those club games amongst each other may be lost

too. So with that in mind, I ask you all to get back to the club as soon as you can. Get on the green as often as you can. Call, email, text, talk to me as much as you want about bowls and put your name on as many lists around the club as you can.

EVERY club will start equal when lock-down ends, it is what we/you do in the early stages that can give you/us an advantage. Planning now what you want out of this season and what you will do to get to your goal will mean you have already started to move forward.

kind regards - Henny

\$1000 DRAW

The draw will run when pennant starts, hopefully soon. If you were in the draw last year and do not wish to be in it this year or you would like to be in this year please let me know, so I can have it all ready to go.

Peter Orger 0408054977

From Tournament

Well here we are again. Still locked down and everything up in the air. Current plans are that the Open Minor, Men's & Ladies' Singles will be pushed back. Mixed 4s, Mixed and Men's Triples may all be cancelled, to allow us to



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concentrate on the events with the better entries i.e. 100 Up, Pres HC, Mixed Pairs.

WE have had a good response so far to the email offering free hearing checks by AUDIKA (official partners of Bowls Australia). If you need more info or want to put your name down for it, please call Jackie on 0422 003 348. We will organise a suitable event when we get back to bowls. You don't need to be bowling on the day, and partners are also welcome. The club receives a \$250 donation + \$10 per hearing check conducted. Full details are on our website under NEWS.

WE'RE pleased to welcome Dennis Botten to the Tournament Committee.



If your car needs attention, ring Tony Ruddick, a long time sponsor of the Mooroolbark Bowls Club. He takes care of many of our members' cars and can fix just about everything. Please mention the club when booking.

From the Sunshine Lady

Sympathy card to Ros McKee for the passing of Beau, 80th Birthday to Shirley Everett, get well cards to Margaret Hicks and Neville Roper (both have had operations). Well done to Mary Warr.

Post op tests have all come back clear and she is now CANCER FREE!

The Monday Morning Crew

Once again there is not a lot to report on while we all live in lockdown land. All I can say is the weeds are happy and growing nicely, HOWEVER all is not lost; Bruce has been busy keeping the grass in the club area nice and tidy and I am about to get a grass discharge chute for the ride on mower as the grass has been getting a bit long between cuts for mulching and it is a bit of a battle having to use the walk behind mower, so once again a big thank you to Bruce.

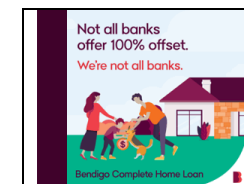
PETER Orger has also been busy measuring up to purchase some steel to make additional bowl rake holders for some of the shelters on the far side of greens 1 and 3. The plan is to get them up next week in readiness for reopening of bowls hopefully in the not to distant future.

KEN Sullivan has returned from the far northern land of sunshine, sand and freedom and has roughly a trailer size of mulch that is ready for the garden to give away. Ken is my next door neighbour so if anyone is interested give me a call and we will help load up your trailer.

From the Garden Guru

Hi everyone, hope you're keeping well. Hope all you dads received a gardening tool for Father's Day. Time to plant up bowls of

petunias. Feed azaleas once flowering has finished. Plant citrus in a spot protected from cold winds. Plant alyssum, aquilegia cosmos delphinium, godetia, (I used to grow these in England lovely flower), larkspur, lobelia, lupin, nasturtium petunia, salvia, Snapdragon, verbena, viola and wallflowers. Shape and remove dead wood from lemon trees; to keep weeds down add 6-8cms of mulch to flower and vegie beds. Prune natives after flowering. Plant and fertilise passionfruit, check roses for blackspot spray fortnightly to stop spread. Prune shrubs after flowering has stopped. Vegetables: plant broad beans cabbage, carrots, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, kohlrabi, lettuce, parsley, parsnips, peas, potato, radish, silverbeet, spring onion, turnip and towards end of month capsicum and sweetcorn. What's new: a survivor in tough conditions salvia sierra pink from Plant Growers Australia boasts a mass of vibrant blooms through spring whether in full sun or part shade. Cutting back produces more flowering. Well I don't think I will be seeing you soon but keep smiling. WALLY



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