



Who let the dogs out?  
We did!

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### From the Board of Management

Hello Members, Nearly there! Hopefully in the next edition of Barkers Byte we can say remember “Lockdown” and the Club being closed. But in the meantime we need to continue to follow the COVID rules, especially on the greens now that we are allowed to roll-up and practise. A big thank you to all the COVID Roster volunteers for the sometimes difficult job of enforcing the rules and to Jackie MacKay for collecting and collating the vaccination register of members.

THE grounds and gardens are looking good thanks to the Monday Morning Crew who were issued with Work Permits (allowed under State Government COVID guidelines) to carry out this essential maintenance.

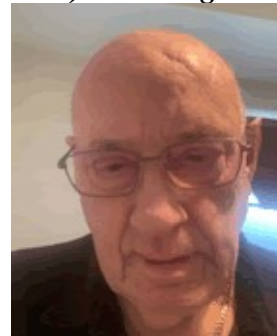
AGTURF has also been preparing the greens for roll-ups and the Pennant season which is due to commence in Mid November.

DUE to the limited amount of expenses (power, heating/cooling etc) and the grants received from the State Government the Club is in a reasonable financial position at this time and will continue to improve once the Club and bar are open.

WE are looking forward to the predicted lifting of further COVID restrictions later in the month when vaccination targets are reached

and as soon as they are announced we will let you know. No doubt Bowls Victoria will also be advising us of the dos and don'ts. Hope to see you soon at the Club

### *A tale of a Man (Barry Allman) & his Dog*



My 14 year old dog, totally deaf and losing control was sadly booked in to the vet to be put down on Monday 27 Sept. Because of her deafness she didn't always realise who was around, so out in the garden she got behind me, and didn't move. As a result I tripped and fell hitting my head on the edge of the footpath!! Ambulance and Box Hill Hospital on Sunday 26/9. 10cm deep gash on my forehead needing stitches. She got me the day before the Vet! Karma?



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### From the Garden Guru

Hi everyone, it's October already and time to plant summer flowering plants. Mulch to enrich your soil, prune wisteria after flowering. Aerate and fertilise lawns, pick roses for indoor display. Grow Hydrangeas from cuttings, put a little iron chelate in soil this will make flowers blue. Control slugs and snails.

Top ten jobs to do this month: Divide established rhubarb crowns and create new plants. Cut back perennials that have died down. Divide herbaceous perennials. Move tender plants including aquatic ones into a greenhouse or conservatory. Plant out spring cabbages. Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts. Prune climbing roses, also prune camellias after flowering. Hope to see you soon on the bowling green, Wally.



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*Darren has been in the electrical industry for more than 24 years, He offers all general Electrical services including body corporate maintenance and so much more, and has a great reputation in our community. Contact Darren, on 0419 870 066, for all electrical requirements. Ollie Electrical is a long time sponsor of our Club.*

### From Tournament

Hearing specialists Audika (major partners with Bowls Australia), will conduct FREE hearing checks on Red/Blue Day, Friday 19th November. We have 17 members registered so far for a hearing check, but if you find that day doesn't suit you, or if you've not registered but want a **FREE HEARING CHECK**, please call Jackie on 0422 003 348. The club will receive a \$250 donation and \$10 per hearing check from Audika, which is much appreciated at the present time.

NOW we have updated pennant dates, we have re-worked the championship dates and the handbook, ready for printing. Due to the impact of covid we have cancelled Mixed 4s, Mixed Triples and Men's Triples championships, as they historically have poor

entries. All other events are going ahead at this stage. We will post entry forms as soon as restrictions ease and BV give the ok. First events are Men's and Ladies Singles, closing on 13/11, Round 1 on Sun 21/11. Be aware you only have a few weeks to get your entries in, so don't hang about. Please put the money in at the same time as the entry as otherwise we waste a lot of time chasing players and if you don't have your entry in by closing date, you may miss out.

WHILE waiting for the handbook to be printed, a PDF of the handbook syllabus and of the championship dates is now uploaded to the website under NOTICES.

### **\$1000 DRAW \$\$\$\$\$**

We will be running \$1000 draw starting in November and running through till March. It will be drawn on the last Friday night of the month in the club rooms. Please help by getting your money in envelopes provided. We have a few spare number still available. Enquiries to PETER ORGER 0408 054 977

### From Membership

The Club welcomes Jim Bullow (from Croydon), and Guenther Ebenwaldner (from Golden Square Bendigo).

### The Monday Morning Crew

With the gradual relaxing of Covid restrictions, we are slowly getting up to speed with a few more people turning up to tend to their favourite part of the club grounds. It was all hands on deck tidying up Beryl's garden recently as there are a few changes Beryl has asked for. All will be revealed over the next few weeks. I am glad to say Wally has returned to tend his beloved vegetable garden; he has been having a bit of difficulty sorting out the weeds from the carrots but progress is being made. No pressure Marg Tull, but Wally is missing your valued assistance and although you may be enjoying sunny Townsville, that is no excuse :-)

IF you are able to come to the club Monday mornings to help, even for 1/2 an hour just give me a call. Don't forget, in line with Covid guidelines masks are required to be worn.

### From the Sunshine Lady

Get well card to Barry Allman who has been in hospital. A Sympathy card to Cathy Prowse for the passing of her husband Peter. Please will you let me know of any person who is unwell. Quite often I do not hear for sometime (they are often back bowling) and I do like to send them a card. Thank you Kay Rawlingson