



Who let the dogs out?  
We did!

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### From the Board

Welcome back to all Bowlers, Social Members and Visitors. Let's hope we don't have to say that again. It's good to see the clubrooms and bowling greens open again. Saturday 13th Nov was the start of a new pennant season that looked like it was never going to happen earlier in the year, but of course the weather was not kind to us and some games had to be cancelled.

THERE will no doubt be some confusion regarding the COVID requirements for Pennant Bowlers visiting the Club for the next couple of weeks. The Bowls Committee has put in place a Management Plan (flexible to allow for the inevitable changes) to administer this. Jackie MacKay has continued with the collating and updating of the Member COVID Status Register and we thank her for her many hours of dedicated work.

IT was good to see the Friday Night Drinks and Members Draw resume on 5th November. Thanks to all who got this up and running and to the Professionals (one of our major sponsors) for their monthly meat trays and prizes.

THE Year Book has been published and copies are available at the Club for those who would like one. Thanks to Mandy Carter for producing it.

THE Club's finances continue to be in a sound position thanks to our Finance Director Eric Stevens and the continued support from Steve Rawlingson. But as always we will have to closely monitor this, particularly over the next couple of months as expenditure will increase as the Club

opens up. A working party led by Les Hunter has been established to look at the best way to run functions (internal and external) and what will be the effect of COVID on them?

GOOD to see that there will be a Christmas lunch and bowls on Sunday 12th Dec (see the flyer at the club and on the Club Facebook page) which will be a great way to see the back of 2021. Annus Horribilus. So we hope to see you at the Club soon.

### From Membership

Dave Cowan is rejoining the club. Farewell to John "Robbo" Robertson, who is eagerly waiting on Qld to allow him to enter from covid-ravaged Vic.

### CLUB HISTORY – DID YOU KNOW

In the formation year of the club, the foundation committee deemed that the first 225 members shall be awarded a foundation badge. Of those signed 225 members there are only 8 current members active in the club. They are Jack Balcombe, Brian Birthisel, Colin Huggins, Bill Lugg, John and Josephine Nyhuis, Peter Rawlingson and Graham Storm.

It should be noted, that apart from the above, there are still 15 foundation members who we believe are still alive but are not members of our great club - *From Col Huggins*

### From the Sunshine Lady

Get well cards sent to Barry Browne, George Hume and Margaret Hicks who is back in hospital. Both Barry and George are home. Sympathy card to Joe Violi on the passing of his wife.



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### From the Garden Guru

Hi everyone, it's November and warming up at last; great time to plant asparagus, plant on mounds for best results. Seeds of climbing beans, carrots, broccoli, cabbage and capsicum can be planted now for harvest in late summer. Tulips should have died down by now, so lift and store in dark dry place ready for planting out next June. Fertilise lawns now we are getting some showers saves you watering in. I am in the process of cutting all daffodil and lillium leaves off as they look so untidy leave four inches from ground. When planting out annuals e.g. aster, ageratum, brachicome, campanula, delphinium, lobelia,



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nemophilia and Veronica, put four or five of the same one bunched together, rather than one of each, you will reap the rewards they will look magnificent. Till next time, happy gardening see you on the bowling green. Wally.

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### From Tournament

All entry forms are now up for championships. Can I remind everyone that you **PAY YOUR ENTRY FEE WHEN YOU PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ENTRY SHEET.**

R1 of ladies' and men's singles championship takes place at 10am on Sun 21/11. All players and byes are requested to be at the club for 10am to either play or mark. You may opt to play R2 after lunch if both parties agree, but it is not mandatory. For R2 onwards (other than the final), you will organise your own markers. It is hoped the losers from the 10am R1 may be available to mark an afternoon game if required.

THE Open Minor Singles closes Sat 21/11 with R1 10am 28/11. There's still time to get your entries in for this and the other championships on the board. Some payments are still outstanding for Open Minor Singles so please have them in before we do the draw on Sat after pennant.

TO avoid cancellation, we urgently need more ladies for the ladies' pairs. It's so disappointing that a major championship has only attracted 2 pairs so far. We've extended the closing date for both men's and ladies pairs from 23/11 to 27/11 to give time for more entries. R1 is at 10am on Sun 5/12

**UPCOMING events: 12/12 Christmas lunch and bowls - pairs 2 games x 11 ends of 2-4-2, single entries ok. A 2 course lunch will be served after the first game. \$25pp, \$17 lunch only. NYE Tournament - the format last year was popular and a lot of fun, so we plan at this stage to go again with single entry, 2 bowl triples, 3 games x 8 ends, stick draw, rotating positions starting 3pm followed by a 2 course dinner. Entry sheets is up now. \$17 for dinner only.**

PINK BLUE DAY on 19th Nov (in aid of breast and prostate cancer) is looking to be a great success thanks to Don McKie, Beryl Turner and all the helpers. Audika will be in

attendance to do free hearing checks and if everyone booked attends, they will donate over \$400 to the club the club. Thank you to everyone who booked a test. There's still time to have one - please ring Jackie on 0422 003 348 to go on the list.

### From the Monday Morning Crew

The Ladies and Wally, with the help of John Crotty have done an outstanding job of bringing the gardens back up to their usual great appearance and the new little "native" garden provided by Geoff Lade is looking very good. Looks like Beryl might have a bit of flower competition.

I have to say with the weed spraying of the gravel car park areas, which has worked quite well, people need to be very careful if you are walking in that vicinity. With the dying weeds and seeds it can be very slippery. We are in the process of cleaning up the dead plants, but please be careful if walking in these areas.

It is great to be back to some sort of normality and as the weather hopefully warms up I think the grounds are going to look even better. Don't forget if you see anything that needs repairing or whatever please let me know.

If you have any news you'd like to share through Barker's Byte, please email it to Jackie at [jj.mackay@bigpond.com](mailto:jj.mackay@bigpond.com)