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We did!

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From the Board of Management

Hello Members, We're almost there, the end of 2021, a year most of us would want to forget. But it also shows what a sound, good and responsive Club we have in being able to manage all the different COVID challenges thrown at us. The Board would like to thank all the volunteers (too many to name here), committees and the general membership for their hard work, patience and willingness to help where ever possible. 2022 will no doubt bring up new and different situations but we feel we are battle ready to face them, let's hope so.

WE have mentioned this before but the monthly publication of Barkers Byte is something that all members look forward to and was a great way of keeping up with all that was (and is) happening at the Club. So well done to Jackie Mackay and all the contributors.

UNFORTUNATELY we were unsuccessful with our shade grant submission but we will try again in the next round in mid 2022.

FRIDAY Night drinks continue with the Members Draw now over \$1,000. But remember you have to be there to win it!!

SOCIAL activities have recommenced with both bowls and events. The Christmas bowls and lunch was an excellent day. Well done to all the organisers. We look forward to the New Years Eve bowls and dinner. This has become a great way for members to see out the old and welcome the new

(some of us struggle to keep going till midnight), so hope to see you there.

AS I'm sure you know Bev Drummond passed away on Saturday 10th December. Bev was a Life Member and a Past President these being only two of the many roles she undertook at the Club. She will be greatly missed. Our condolences go to John and our thoughts are with him and Bev's family at this sad time.

SO from the Board of Management we hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as we all look forward to a much different and better 2022.

Bits & Pieces

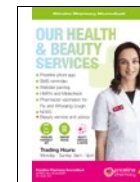
\$1000.00 DRAW - Congratulations to Jo Vermeulen winning the November draw, well done. Thank you to all who participated we had all numbers taken. December draw will close on Tuesday 28th of December at 5pm and will be drawn at the NYE function at the club. **Please get your money in so I do not have to chase you up.** Good luck

Ann Ingram is desperately looking for help in the kitchen for New Year's Eve. If you can assist, please let her know.

Welcome to two new introductory members: Helen Tridgwell and Margaret De La Rue. We look forward to seeing them at social games when they complete their coaching.

From Sunshine Lady

A sympathy card to Graham Storm for the passing of his daughter. Joe Belli is home after a couple of trips to hospital so hope they have sorted his medication out. Bill Legge is still waiting for his operation which will be after the New Year. Alan McKenzie has had another fall and is back in hospital. Sympathy to John Drummond the passing of Bev who was a Life Member, Past President, Secretary and Treasurer. Bev worked hard for the club and will be very sadly missed.



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Tournament

NYE Tournament is coming up, so please get your name in if you want to play. Single entry, 3 games x 8 ends, rotating positions and rinks. Starts 3pm followed by dinner. Entries close around a week prior for catering so don't delay getting your entry in

IT seems no one spotted the wrong date for Aus Day in the handbook. As you no doubt know, it always falls on 26th Jan and not 27th



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as in the book. The Aus Day Tournament entry will be posted soon, so make sure you come on the right day. :) (*sorry my fault - Jackie*) Unfortunately the Ladies Pairs Champ was cancelled as only 2 teams entered which is really sad for a club of our size. We're gauging interest in a different format for next year, so if any ladies have suggestions please forward them to Jackie. Entries for 100 Up, Presidents Handicap and Mixed Pairs championships all close in January. Please check the noticeboard for details. We'd love to see lots of bowlers competing, so please put your names down. For those who say they don't enter because they can't win - of course you won't win IF YOU DON'T ENTER!! You have to be in it to win it!!

The Garden Guru

Here we are in December and weather is changeable at best. Still time to sow vegie seeds though i.e. climbing beans, runner beans, beetroot, carrots, chilli peppers, squash, cucumber, mustard greens, parsley, pumpkin, sweetcorn and turnip. You can buy packets of mixed annual seed; there are about ten different varieties in each one; would look great in pots. I have just planted out several pots with these seed mixtures. My notes say to prune fuschias now but mine are in full bloom at the moment, so I suggest you leave it till January. It

will warm up soon I hope, so don't forget to water all your pot plants, easy to forget with your minds on Christmas. Remove bottom leaves from tomato plants; this will reduce disease from water splash and make plants stronger. Hope you all have a great Christmas and I will see you on the bowling green. Wally.

The Monday Morning Crew

Well another year has almost passed, it has been eventful in some ways and uneventful in others. What I can say is thank you to all of the Monday morning crew especially for their perseverance throughout the extended lockdown we all had to endure. The grassed areas have been kept in pristine condition throughout the year and all of the gardens have been well cared for and the fruits of their labours are well evident for all to see in the summer months. I should also mention the "fix it" people. From repairing the fences that were damaged during the earlier storms to the plumbing and repair activities that always seem to crop up throughout the year.

ONCE again thank you to everyone for your help during the year and I hope Santa is kind to all of you. Merry Christmas - from Geoff Bull

A Senior for a Senior

Barry Allman lost his little dog not that long ago, and is feeling a bit lonely without his 4-legged friend. After checking things out, he's decided a rescue greyhound would be an ideal companion.

Ideally he would like a senior one of 8 years or over as he says they're real couch potatoes (like Barry), plus they don't shed hair (also like Barry). He's been in touch with greyhound rescue but there's not a lot around at the moment, so if anyone knows of any other avenues, please let him know.



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Note from Jackie (Editor)

It doesn't seem like 20 months since we started Bakers Byte back in April 2020. I've enjoyed putting it together and working with all our "reporters". However, it's time for someone new to look after the Byte and we're lucky to have Julie Burton willing to take it on. Julie's teaching experience makes her well suited to the job of compiling, editing and proof reading all the bits and pieces. Her contact details will be at the top of every Barkers Byte, but in case you have anything interesting for the January edition, you can contact her on 0412 374 189 or email julie.burton@education.vic.gov.au. Thanks to everyone for their kind words of appreciation for the Barkers Byte since its beginnings, and to all our contributors for sending me their news each month.