



Who let the dogs out?  
We did!

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### From the Board

Hello Members and Happy New Year, hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable break and that 2022 is a better one than 2021.

Unfortunately, COVID will continue to have a major impact on the Club, both on the social side of things and for bowls for some time to come. The Board and the Bowls Committee have put together a COVID Management Plan (CMP).

The CMP was designed to enable us to respond to the inevitable, frequent changes to the rules and restrictions in a timely manner and is not so much a prescriptive 'do and not do' document. A copy will be placed on the Club notice board and on the Club website. The Members Friday Night Drinks and Draw will continue, but we will advise you of any changes.

The grounds and greens are looking great, so thanks to the Monday Morning Crew and Greenkeepers. We always get complimentary comments from visitors.

Pennant recommenced this week so good luck and good bowling to all our teams. Hope to see you in the Finals.

As was mentioned in the last 'From the Board' the Barkers Byte has been a very welcome source of Club information over the last two

years and was just one of the many jobs Jackie Mackay has looked after. Jackie has decided that now is a good time to hand over the reins to someone else and we are pleased to announce that Julie Burton has taken on the role of collating and publishing it. So thanks Julie and a big thank you to Jackie for the last two years. Eric

### \$1000 DRAW

Congratulations to the winner of the December Draw, Kay Rawlingson. Well done!

The \$1000 Draw will be running in January, February and March. Please have your money in by 5pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

A reminder that if your money is not in by the due date, your number may be taken by another person. Good luck to all! Peter



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free quote. Check online. Locally owned and operated.

### Tournament

Our new singles champions are:

Mens- Henny Cortenbach, RU Denis Peters

Ladies- Lyn Cameron, RU Jackie MacKay

Open Minor- Jack Giffen, RU Peter Meyer

Most championships are started now, with only the Mixed Pairs still to close on 25/1. Please get your entries in ASAP, and please PAY AT THE TIME YOU ENTER. It is very time consuming having to chase up payments prior to doing the draw.

Entries for the Mooroolbark Classic Triples are now open. \$2500 prize money is up for grabs. We have now received confirmation that we will receive \$460 from the Nov Audika hearing test day. Thank You to everyone who had their hearing tested - we hope it was beneficial to you.

### From the Garden Guru

Hi everyone, it's a new year and let's see if we can find any new plants. Three perennials I like are wallflower, forget-me-not and stock. The seeds can be sown now. Stock are highly scented, producing tiny pink flowers at night. In



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the vegetable garden sow bush beans for a late summer harvest and keep sowing carrots in small batches so you have a constant supply through Autumn.

Silverbeet is more heat tolerant than many other leafy greens and can be sown year round in most areas in Australia. It is time to plant nerines and crocus, ensure lemon and orange trees are well mulched and watered. Cut hydrangeas back after flowering. Marg Tull told me her neighbour has a white one. Anyone else got one? Feed tomatoes with tomato specific fertiliser. That's all for now. See you on the bowling green. Wally

**CR Celebrancy....** Celebrating life, love and everything in between. Working with you in every way to make your day very special. Carey, a playing member of our club for many years is a new business sponsor for Mooroolbark Bowls Club. Spread the word! He is brilliant!



### **Barefoot Bowls**

Covid-19 restrictions have certainly slowed barefoot bowls bookings this year. With a lot of businesses not operating properly during the year, there have not been as many Christmas parties. We also had to turn away a lot of bookings, as surprisingly, a lot of people weren't double vaxxed so we couldn't risk having them at the club for everyone's safety. Next year we are expecting things to pick up again and hopefully we can see more barefoot bowlers on the greens again! We have received great feedback from our guests from our Le Picnic and Barefoot Bowls day with Mon Poulet the last few years, so we are running the event again in February. We are finding it to be a great way to get new faces into the club which hopefully one day they will become members! James

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Ann Staggard for achieving 400 Games! Great effort!

### **The Monday Morning Crew**

With the weather warming up the gardens are becoming a bit thirsty. The water timers and

sprinklers are getting a good workout. We have a couple of projects on the go and if anyone is able to lend a hand even for just half an hour to an hour it would be appreciated. One of the main things that needs attention is resealing the picnic tables on the far side of green 3. We have brushes and stain. We just need a spare pair of hands so if anyone can help please give me a call. I am reliably informed the ladies are much better at painting than the men as they do not make a mess! The hint being anyone and everyone will be welcome. Another activity on the go, is removing the battens around the outside perimeters of the greens and tidying up the edges between the grass and the synthetic covering around the edges. This will most likely take a couple of weeks, so don't get too excited if it looks a bit more untidy than it already is for a little while.

One final thing, if anyone sees a need for something to be repaired, tidied up or replaced, don't hesitate to give me a call, or let me know one way or the other. Peter Orger is already in the process of starting a tidy up of the downpipes, gutters etc around the clubhouse. Geoff