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### From The Board

Hello Members

Well we are almost at the end of another pennant season despite all the obstacles COVID has thrown at us and our thanks (from all Members) goes to the Bowls and Tournament Committees and selectors for their hard work, long hours and dedication required to navigate all the various challenges they had to overcome. Well done to all. Congratulations to those teams that made the finals (refer to the bowls report for details).

We are pleased to announce that EPONA are our new Financial Advisor/Planner sponsors. So if you need any financial advice, they are the ones to contact. Thanks to Mandy Carter and Tony MacDonald for getting them on board.

We are currently looking at the purchase of a point-of-sale till for the bar which will make it much easier and less stressful (at busy times) for the volunteer bar staff to operate (swipe bar codes, stock control etc). Hopefully this may also encourage more members to work behind the bar, as we always need more volunteers.

It looks like we are finally making headway with our internet and NBN thanks to the work Geoff Bull has done. Thanks Geoff, and fingers crossed.

The Board is also pleased to announce that the garden bed in front of the Clubhouse will be named in honour of Bev Drummond.

As mentioned in the last Barkers Byte, the AGMs are on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, so please give some thought to nominating for suitable various positions that will become vacant.

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### From Tournament

It's been a very busy time for the tournament committee. The inaugural 2-4-2 Pairs on 9/3 went well. As we had a great entry of 48 players, the prize money went from a minimum of \$150 to \$300! We're running a three-month trial period, so please support it and encourage your mates from other clubs to come along, so that we can continue it permanently on the second Wednesday of each month.

The Classic went smoothly with 34 teams (102 players). The food and tables were brilliant as per usual with lots of good feedback. Mooroolbark teams took the four individual game prizes, which proves we're as good as some of the best players around. Results and pics will be on the GALLERY page of the website soon.

Entries are now open for: Anzac Day 25/4 and Caladenia Day 30/4. We also plan to start Scroungers again on Saturday afternoons from April, so watch out for that one too. Lots happening at your club.

### Volunteers Day 20th April 10.30 start

Free lunch/drink

Sheets up now

We welcome our new sponsor for the day  
EPONA Financial Guidance.

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### Members \$1000 Draw

March is the last draw until pennant starts again so please get your money in ASAP.



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### Membership report

Welcome back John and Jenny McDonald.  
Tyson McCamley has left the club and has gone to Traralgon for work.  
We have a new introductory bowler Leo Koblar.

### Garden Guru

Hi everyone, have you ever tried edible flowers? They tick all the boxes. They bring colour, flavour and vitality to the plate and your garden, plus the fact they are all easy to grow. The collection includes borage for sensational ice cubes for summer Pimm's calendula for the soft orange or yellow petals to spark up salads, nasturtium for its warm spicy leaves, marigold for bite size aniseed flavoured flowers, cornflower to sprinkle on top and violas for sweetness. For a colourful show in your garden next spring, plant Waltzing Matilda (a wild flower a bit like a daisy. Spray Azaleas if lace bug is present (rusty brown underneath and silver on top). Start planting bulbs ie anemone, daffodils amaryllis, crinan, freesia, grape hyacinth, jonquil, lachanalia, sparxis and tritonia. Fertilise camellias with blood and bone. Sow sweet peas in well worked soil, store tulips in the crisper for 4-6 weeks. That's all for now, see you on the bowling green. Wally

### The Eastern Garden – 12 months on

Just over 12 months ago the Monday Volunteers were dismayed to find a lot of chopped off, dead privet plants along the eastern boundary. A plan was devised to clean this up, remove the rest of the privets and weeds and plant a new garden using Australian plants. An amazing number of volunteers enthusiastically got behind the plan and cut, poisoned, removed stumps, mulched the prunings, weeded, then eventually replaced the mulched produced, and more, on the new garden bed. Many of these volunteers were not part of the Monday crew but enjoyed this challenge. A bit of watering during the year and a wet year resulted in the loss of only 4 plants out of the 66 planted. Twelve months later this garden is thriving. The growth is amazing. Most plants have flowered and there are lots of buds for the winter season. Plants have been replaced as necessary and a few extras added by donation. We thought it was timely to show everyone what has been achieved after the hard work last year, and to once again thank all the members who helped clear this area and came along to plant it out. We invite members to wander along when at the Club and enjoy the ever-changing floral display. M and G Bull





understands that many thousands of dogs have been saved.

He says that Violet is the most gentle dog. Barry has already taken her to his wife's age care facility where Violet goes up to residents and places her head on their lap. Their faces light up!



**Free to a good home! Size would suit up to Fox Terrier or Cocker Spaniel. Contact Barry Allman 0400 102 580**



### **Sunshine Lady**

80th birthday cards sent to Jack McDaid, Ken Garden and Pat Hennessy.

Sympathy card to Heather Cupples for the loss of her husband.

Get well to Julie Burton: I really appreciated this card thank you. I have been diagnosed with NAION that has caused vision loss in the left eye. Hope to be back at the club soon! I might just be using my right eye though!

### **McDonald's Mooroolbark**

Everyone loves Maccas!

Support our local McDonald's store as they support us yearly, as proud sponsors and providing weekly prize food vouchers for all winning members to enjoy 😊

**18 Manchester Rd Mooroolbark 3138**



### **A new dog for Barry Allman**

This is a sequel to Barry Allman's dog story that was included in the October Newsletter. Four weeks ago, Barry adopted a greyhound under GAP (Greyhound Adoption Program) that is sponsored by Greyhound Racing Victoria. Its aim being to have greyhounds adopted rather than put down after their racing life. Barry



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Thank you to all players who represented the Club during the season for Weekend Pennant (Saturday Pennant)

The Club had a mixed season across the Divisions. Please find a brief summary of where each side finished the season, on their respective ladders.

No1 Side Division 1	Finished ninth overall - a disappointing season, lost 4 matches by less than 4 shots, winning these games could have made a big difference to final ladder position.	Wins 6, Losses 12
No 2 Side Division 2	Finished fifth overall - a disappointing season, lost 5 matches by less than 6 shots, this was costly and affected final ladder position.	Wins 4, Losses 10

No 3 Side Division 4	The Side had an excellent season, finished on top of the ladder. Won their way through to the Divisional section final. Great effort by everyone, will gain promotion next season.	Wins 10, Losses 1, Draw 2, CoVid no game 1
No 4 Side Division 4	Finished 5 <sup>th</sup> just missed the finals had a pretty good season with some big wins, well done all players.	Wins 7, Losses 7
No 5 Side Division 5	Finished 2 <sup>nd</sup> , had a very good season, won section final will gain promotion next season. Great effort all players.	Wins 9, Losses 3, Draws 1, W/over 1
No 6 Side Division 6A	Finished 5 <sup>th</sup> , considering the number of player changes because of unavailability, had	Wins 7, Losses 7

	a very good season. Well done to all involved in this Side especially our first year bowlers (Bjorn & Owen)	
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Thanks to all players for their help, support and understanding over the whole season.  
Weekend Pennant - Match Committee