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We did!

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## From The Board

Hello Members

The end of the April - May period is always a very busy time for the Club with lots of things happening both on the greens and around the Club in other areas, after which it usually means a number of members head off North to follow the sun and warmer weather (lucky them), Thank you to the 69 members who attended the Bowls and Club's AGMs held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Unfortunately the number of attendees is getting less each year, although this can be expected as most members these days are kept up to date with what is happening at the Club via emails, Barkers Byte or the Club's website and Facebook. There were no major surprises at either meeting, although it was sad to hear Merv Hicks announce that he was resigning as Executive Director and from the Board of Directors after four years, two of which coincided with the COVID pandemic and all the headaches and challenges that that brought. However we were pleased to announce that Les Hunter has stepped up and taken on that position. We are also pleased to welcome Lyn Cameron to the Board, which means all Board positions are filled. There are still a number of

printed Annual Reports at the Club for members who were unable to attend the AGM.

You may be aware that Eastern Barefoot Bowls will no longer be running barefoot bowls at the Club. A sub-committee (joint Board & Bowls Committee) has been established to consider what is the best way forward and an announcement will be made in the near future. Presentation Day (15<sup>th</sup> May) and Caladenia Day (30<sup>th</sup> April) were held recently when we were able to honour our Club Champions and support one of our long time community partners (Caladenia Dementia Care). So well done to the Bowls Section and Tournament Committee for two successful days.

Volunteers Day will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May and we hope to see as many of our valued volunteers there as possible. It is a free day for volunteers (Bowls, light lunch and a drink from the Bar).

For those heading off for the winter have a great time and we hope to see you all at the Club soon. Board of Management, May 2022

### Tournament

Thanks to members' and the board's generosity, Anzac Day raised \$250 for Croydon RSL and

\$760 was raised for the Caladenia Dementia Care Centre. We missed George Hume at Cal Day this year due to ill health and we wish him all the best. In his place Stormie did a great job extracting money from all the players for the raffle. Volunteers Day is on Sun 29/5. The board looks forward to thanking all those members without whom the club couldn't function, so please put your name on the entry sheet and come along. We will have 2 games of 11 ends (format TBC) single entry, with a light lunch midway, and non-volunteers are very welcome too. Lunch only option is available. Free for volunteers or \$5 for non-vol. All details and entry sheet are in the clubhouse. The monthly Wed 2-4-2 has been going well and getting good numbers. Please let your friends from other clubs know that we intend to run it on the second Wed of each month including over winter (weather permitting). We need to encourage visitors in order to keep entry numbers up; more players = more prize money!!

Thanks to Rex Menser and his team for keeping up the momentum.



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### **Congratulations**

A special congratulations to Lyn Cameron who was Runner Up in the Eastern Ranges Region Champion of Champions. Great effort!

### **LOOKING FOR A NEW VEHICLE?**

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### **Sunshine Lady**

On the not so well list are Phyllis and Eddie Scott and Maggie Reidy. Sympathy to the families of Alan McKenzie and Ken Frazer who both passed away recently.

80th birthday wishes to Wally Barnes.

### **Celebration**

Congratulations to Bob & Maureen Milligan who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in April 2022.

### **Garden Guru**

Hi everyone, it's May again and all the leaves are dropping. Don't waste them, gather as many up as you can and mulch them when dry

with your Ozito vacuum blower and mulcher from Bunnings only \$63 a bargain, only trouble is they are electric not battery. When preparing your next vegetable or flower patch sprinkle liberally with leaves and dig in, come spring you will have lovely friable soil. Primulas self seed everywhere so dig them up when ground is wet and pot up for Spring. Plant vegie seeds now:- brussel sprouts, cabbage, broad beans, carrots, garlic, early onion, rhubarb, shallots and snow peas. Planting in Autumn gives plants time to establish a good root system, so they are not as reliant on water in the warmer months and are not so vulnerable to any scorching days or long dry spells we may encounter. Planting now means that by the time spring arrives your garden will be bursting at the seams with healthy plants and stunning blooms. Crop rotation is important so you do not get deformed vegies. Simple rule:- root vegetables followed by flowers and finish with above ground vegies. Rotate every three years. That's all for now see you on the bowling green Wally.

### **Monday Morning Crew**

We have finally finished removing the rotting timbers around the greens and back filled with top soil. We just need the grass to grow now. The usual maintenance has been ongoing with

the gardens and lawns looking very good and my thanks again to everyone for their ongoing efforts. A plea for help! The number of people helping on Monday mornings has reduced to a small core group. If you are able to help with some of the ongoing garden maintenance, even if it is only for half an hour on Monday morning, it would be greatly appreciated. If anyone feels they can help in any way, please give me a call. Geoff 0427700113

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