



Who let the dogs out?
We did!

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From the Board

Hello Members. At the time of writing we are still in a long-standing bout of terrible wet and windy weather. Our social bowls programs have been seriously affected...but what an opportunity!!! The weather **will** change and we can make up for lost time by entering our social bowls events on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays!! During the social bowls events each organiser has made a point of highlighting the urgent need for more volunteer support **We urgently need help in the Bar, the Monday garden crewand also support in the kitchen at special events.** The Board would like to emphasise the style of liquor licence the club holds. To continue to retain the right to sell alcohol we must adhere to specific regulations. The one rule we must adhere to is thus: **Alcoholic drinks consumed on the club premises must be purchased from the Bar....and cannot be brought in privately.** For those of our members who are reading Barker's Byte online from the comfort of a vacation in the Queensland warmth we ask you to spare an idle thought for those of us stuck in the winter climate of Mooroolbark. June 2022

Tournament

Tournament Committee has breathed a sigh of relief with all our big events now behind us. Saturday Scroungers has now started (12 noon). Single entry. Rules are at the club. This format is great for improving draw bowling. Social bowls continues, weather permitting, every Wed (noon) Fri (9.30am). The next monthly 2-4-2 is 13/7. The more players = more prize money so bring along your mates. With championship entries falling year by year, we've made the brave decision to overhaul some events. We will trial a random draw for ladies' pairs (only 5 replies from the survey sent out, but all opted for this choice). Triples and Fours haven't received good entries in recent years, so we will trial an Open Handicapped Fours and Triples championship instead of Men's, Ladies' or Mixed. The HC idea was suggested by Rick Bennett and looks like a great format where strategy in choosing your team will be key. Rick Bennett will be at pennant practice matches where he will be giving more explanation and answer questions before the championships start in October. A copy of the guidelines is attached to the Barkers Byte email and is available on the website (under

Notices/Championships). All information will be on the noticeboard when the entry forms go up. Ian and I are off to Qld from mid-July for 2 months. I'll have my trusty laptop so I'm still contactable while away. Stay safe and see you in September. *Jackie*

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John Clancy, Barrie Browne and daughter, Roxanne, Geoff Lade and Marg Tull at Magnetic Island for Friday afternoon social bowls.

Sunshine Lady

Best wishes and a speedy recovery to Kay Rawlinsong, Barry Allman and Peter Stevenson. Looking forward to seeing you at the Club very soon!

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John Clancy, Marg Tull and Geoff Lade at Jubilee Bowls Club, Townsville for Saturday afternoon social bowls.

Garden Guru

Hi everyone, it's June and damned cold but it's a great time to plant herbs eg chamomile and lemon grass. You could give mint and lemon balm a go as well but be careful to contain them as they can take over. Why not try lovely flowering stuff such as cornflower, calendula, dianthus, pansies, viola, snapdragons, stock, ageratum and marigolds. They are great at attracting pollinators and I reckon look tops as well. Bare rooted fruit trees and deciduous ones will be in your local nursery now, don't forget to

prune them back before planting them out. Remember stone fruit trees may take a few years to produce, so be patient. Top up mulch in your veggie patches. Don't put too close to stems as they will rot off, mulch after watering to about 7cm. Plants need a feed this time of year especially seedlings, apply early in the morning. If frost is forecast overnight protect tender plants with temporary overnight cover. Plant liliams for a summer display. Always check for snails especially after rainfall. Start planting early varieties of strawberries. Plant asparagus, rhubarb and broad beans. Happy gardening, see you on the bowling green! Wally.



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