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From The Board

Hello Members

As you would expect the main focus of the Board for the last few weeks has been the effects of the rain storm which happened on 25th October. For those that don't know the three greens and the work shops were inundated with rain water run off that came from the Kiloran Reserve.

The current situation is:

- Grass Greens – They were both flooded, but thanks to the green keeper and Club volunteers, were cleaned up and made ready for pennant in a couple of days,
- Synthetic Green – Was badly affected by the storm water. A damage report was obtained from a green's installation contractor. They are recommending that it be replaced. Some recovery work has been done by our green keeper and Club volunteers and a section can now be used for social bowls. Further maintenance work to be done to see what can be achieved for social, barefoot and pennant bowls. Further

investigation required regarding long term options.

- Work Shops and Tank Room - Both were flooded and needed a good clean up but no apparent damage to the building. All machinery being checked for damage,
- Insurance – An assessor from our insurance broker has inspected the site and we await their report.
- Grants – Some minor grants are on offer from the State Government and Bowls Victoria for which we will submit an application.
- Yarra Ranges Council- As the bulk of the storm water came from Kiloran Park (Council land) we have arranged a meeting with the Council to discuss the situation. We will keep updating as the situation progresses.
- We are pleased to announce that Julie Burton has taken on the role as Sunshine Lady. So please let her know of any member's welfare issues or

significant events (anniversary, birthdays etc).

- Planning for the End of Year break up continues and will be on the 17th December. Details to be announced in the near future.

Coach News

What an amazing sight it was at the club on Saturday night as our bowlers celebrated all sides winning! This is a result of the work and time you are dedicating to your game. The feeling and culture we are building is infectious, you cannot miss it if you tried to. Everyone socialises and speaks to one another, enjoying one another's successes and achievements.

Voting - Unfortunately I am receiving voting cards that are not completed correctly, 2, 2, 2 or 3, 3, 3. Please note when I come across these vote cards I allocate 1, 1 and 1 therefore you are putting your teammates at a disadvantage at winning the club's pennant player of the year in your division. The sad part is they are not voting the same way so your votes are entered correctly. I will call everyone voting incorrectly and request you apologise to your team for voting incorrectly putting them



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at a disadvantage in winning this coveted award. Kind Regards Brendan Woods

Tournament

The Oaks Day Tournament was a great success, with lots of positive comments from members and visiting bowlers. The sweepstakes added an extra element of interest with 5 x \$50 and 5 x \$30 awarded based on 1st and 2nd winning teams rather than horses. We had 2 no-shows, so please make sure if you enter an event, that you put it in your diary and **TURN UP ON THE DAY**. No shows are becoming a problem across the board and are a real headache for organisers and a disappointment to the team you should be playing with.

Club Championships

The first championships for this season have been won and run. Congratulations to Open HC Fours winners: Frank Hargreaves, Michael Firth, Pius Bonjui and Dennis Botten.

R/Up: David Scott, Helen Scott, Julie Burton and Carey Rudd.

Open HC Triples winners: Frank Limb, John Baker and Dave Arnott.

R/Up: Geoff Lade, Tom Kelly, John Clancy.

Upcoming events: 11/12/22 Finals of the Minor, Men's, Ladies Singles.

31/12/22 NYE game and BBQ (entry sheet out soon).

New Members

The club welcomes the following new members: Robert Lothar, Boonyapa Cmomka, Steven Lawson, Marilyn Browne

Night Pennant

This year we have again entered a Night Pennant Side, played on a Wednesday evening. At the time of writing this, we have had a positive start winning our first match with some strong competition to come.

We are currently one player short of a full team and are looking for one or more members to put their hand up to complete the Team - if we get more players interested we can have a rotating roster. Contact David Scott 0499 508 384 Night Pennant Coordinator

Club Membership Draw Fridays 5 PM

After 15 years of looking after the Club function, Joe Belli is having a break for a while. Another member will take over. Joe would like to thank everyone who helped him over the past years. Special thank you goes to Alan Dans, the ladies who looked after selling the raffle tickets and the bar people who helped

every week. Also, to Professional, our sponsor, who every 1st Friday, donated great prizes for the raffles. Thanks to all the members who supported me. I hope you will keep your support ongoing. Joe Belli

A Great OAKS DAY in the Kitchen at Mooroolbark Bowls Club

Oaks Tournament Day provided a welcome opportunity to see how the MBC kitchen works. Approx 84 players' lunches were to be provided, then back on the greens in one hour. Luckily, we had a great team and some almost experienced volunteers. Led by Glennis Brown, our team consisted of Diane Johnson, Beryl Turner (Club Master Decorator), Lorraine Hampton, Sue Lambrou, Peter Brown (Dressed appropriately in a neck to ankle apron), was not a king-sized apron either, Jim Hampton and Ken Tripp. Much organizing and ordering had taken place before our arrival. At about 11AM the fun started. Boxes, bowls of food, cutlery, chopping and serving sizes and plates organized, plus sweets as well! Alan Dans, the Catering Master strolled through his kitchen to see how we were managing. He cast a sharp eye over the mess we had made. I made many trips up the slippery path to the garbage skip, while more delicate hands and minds



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were plating up. The crowd arrived and queued for plates of food, tea, coffee and drinks from the bar. Beryl mustered the players. Or maybe she had a muster dog to keep them organized! We had a brief sigh of relief when they all sat down to eat. The next item was the clean up. Quite a big job! The day went well with great leadership and teamwork. Only one question remaining, who won what? Your kitchen scribe volunteer Jim

Sunshine Lady

Sympathy Card sent to Denis Peters
A wake will be held at the Club on Friday 25th at approx 1.30 for Denis' father Eric.

Saturday help needed

We need people to help clean up on Saturdays following afternoon tea. If we don't get volunteers this will be cancelled. We can't rely on Beryl all the time. She will eventually come back to bowls when her shoulder is fixed. Pat

\$1000 Draw

Bob Richardson was the winner in the October Draw. Remember to get your money in early before the draw takes place on the last Friday of each month.

Barefoot Bowls

We had some bookings for October and November, but due to the bad storm causing damage to the Synthetic Green, it resulted in cancellations. Let's cross our fingers that December's bookings go ahead. Gayle

Peter Mac Fund-Raiser

On Sat 5th November, at the Club, Bernie held her annual Peter Mac Fund-Raiser. She raised \$12000, bringing her total to \$97000 that she has raised thus far. Bernie really appreciates being able to hold this event at the Mooroolbark Bowls Club. Robbie

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24 years in the industry, providing great service and customer satisfaction a priority. All general electrical services, new development, body corporate maintenance, energy management and monitoring. Darren and his family have been supporting the Mooroolbark Bowls Club for many years, providing vouchers for Saturday pennant and Rink of the week throughout the season. For all of your Electrical needs ring Darren 0419 870 066 EMAIL: ollie@olliepl.com.au



Monday Morning Crew

When Julie asked me for some words for the newsletter, I replied "there is really not much to report". When I sat down to write a few words I think I may have been a bit wrong... Of course there was a bit of flood damage in the equipment and pump shed which necessitated almost everything being removed and the floor cleaned up, along with some minor work to get a couple of motors, and the three cameras over there going. So all in all, I



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have to say we got out of it pretty lightly with respect to the machinery and desalination plant.

Then, there was the wall mounted urn in the kitchen which needed repair to stop it leaking, a bit of work on the cup washing machine to get the detergent dispenser working, sorting out the issue with the PA system and getting a replacement amplifier, a bit more messing around trying to work out how George Hume managed to print off raffle tickets (still a work in progress) then the \$1000 draw envelopes to sort out.

Next was a replacement battery (donated by a generous brother-in-law) and pads for the defibrillator.

Now we are in the process of removing the parking identifying strips from the rear gravel car park, as following the rain event, it has become quite washed out and a serious trip hazard. We also need to re-level and compact the gravel again.

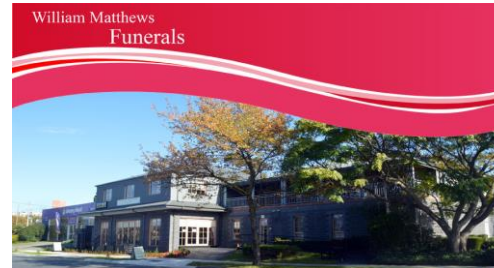
On top of the above, there is the usual weeding, grass cutting, edging, hedge trimming and a bit of spraying going on. Geoff

WILLIAM MATTHEWS FUNERALS

A huge thankyou to Melanie for coming to visit our club and handing out the prize monies to the winning teams. We had so many guests and visitors, from near and afar.

William Matthews provided us with rain ponchos, note-books and lovely pens to note down our winning points, as well as chalk pens for the resting touchers.

We do appreciate our long-time sponsors and love to meet them at the club.



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Garden Guru

Hi everyone, I was talking about citrus last month. Just remember they are very hungry plants and must be fed once a month with a citrus fertilizer. New varieties are Yuzu,

Variegated Calamondin (the fruit is perfect for preserves and marmalade) and Clementine (Nules) a cross between a mandarin and sweet orange. Arnold blood orange is an excellent small tree for most gardens. We are always being told to eat more fruit and vegetables and get more exercise. Get out into your garden for your daily workout, it's good for your health. Think about all the weeding, digging, mulching, planting and raking you can do in your garden, wow what a workout, not only that your garden is a great moral booster so it's good for your mental health as well. Time to plant some home grown vitamin power houses:- capsicum, chilli, beetroot, carrots, cucumber, eggplant, lettuce, potatoes, pumpkin, leeks, silverbeet, squash, sweetcorn and zucchini. Your tomatoes should be in the ground now, plant half way up the stem after taking lower leaves off, water in well and surround each plant with sugar cane mulch to stop drying out. Annuals:- liquid fertilise and dead head Azaleas. If lace bug is present, treat by burying Confidor tablets around plants. Flowers:- plant ageratum, alyssum, amaranthus, aster, dahlia, helichrysum, nasturtium, pansy, petunia, phlox, snapdragon and sunflower. Wally