



Who let the dogs out?
We did!

Contributions can be sent to The Editor
Julie Burton Mob 0412 374 189
Email julieburton1956@outlook.com

From the Board

Hello Members

We're almost at the end of 2022 and it's been another year of known (COVID etc) and unexpected challenges full of ups and downs. Unfortunately, COVID continued to cause a lot of headaches for the Club; pennant players unavailable (some at the last minute), volunteers having to pull out of their regular duties (Monday Morning Crew, Bar roster etc) but thanks to the hard work of the volunteers that were available, we managed to pull through although some areas did suffer difficulties. So thanks to members for their patience and understanding of the situation. The weather (mainly rain) as we all know caused havoc with a number of events throughout the year and unfortunately a few had to be cancelled, consequently the expected revenue generated from these events (plus COVID associated issues) did not occur and that has meant that our income is down and we have to be particularly careful with our expenditure.

Of course, the biggest unknown we faced was the storm of 25th October and the devastating effects the flooding had on our greens. The Board is continuing with our insurance claims, discussions with Yarra Ranges Council and

grant applications (refer to November Barkers Byte for details).

We look forward to the New Years Eve bowls and dinner. This has become a great way for members to see out the old and welcome the new (some of us struggle to keep going till midnight), so hope to see you there.

So from the Board of Management we hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year as we all look forward to a much different and better 2023.

Board of Management –December 2022

Tournament

Thanks to everyone who turned out to support the final of the singles on Sun 11/12. Our new champions are- Men's: Frank Limb, RU Brendan Woods. Ladies: Lyn Cameron, RU Jackie MacKay. Open Minor Singles: Gary Smith, RU Dave Funnell. Well done to all players who played in a howling gale for most of the day. The men's and ladies' games were almost mirror images, with Frank and Jackie running away with it up until the 13th end (on both games). At that time the wind eased slightly and Brendan and Lyn came roaring back. Lyn overtaking Jackie on the 25th end, and Brendan narrowly missing out 22-25. Gary and Dave had a good tussle although Gary held

the lead all the way. Photos also on the Gallery page of the website.

New Years Eve 31/12 needs more entries. Play starts 4pm, 2B triples, 3 games of 6 ends, rotating positions, single entry, stick draw. \$25 includes 2 course BBQ after the game. Prizes for overall winners, RU, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd game winners. Come and celebrate with your mates at MBC.

If you've not entered already, we would love to see more players in the 100 UP (closes Sat 7/1) and Men's and Ladies' Pairs (closes 14/1). Entries are also open for the Mixed Pairs and Open Presidents HCAP. Please support our championships. Win or lose, it's great experience. You'll never win if you never enter!!

Merry Christmas to everyone – Jackie

\$1000 Draw

Congratulations to Liz Renkema (wife of TJ) who was the winner in November.

We will be drawing December's on the 30th of December, so please get your money in and good luck.



Our Club Champions

Frank Brendan Lyn Jackie Gary and Dave

Xmas Hampers

Thank You Mandy for an excellent job making up this year's hampers.



Blue/Pink Day

Our special day was sponsored by Priceline Pharmacy.

44 players entered the Bowls competition with money prizes going to 1st bowl on each rink and 2 game winners.

Donations were made by the Storm family and Trevor Gardoll, as well as Friday morning bowls, green fees and the raffle totalling \$955.

A big thank you to Beryl Turner, Judy Baker and Don McKie.

Thank You to all club members for their support!





Who let the dogs out?
We did!

Contributions can be sent to The Editor
Julie Burton Mob 0412 374 189
Email julieburton1956@outlook.com

Sunshine Lady

Get Well card sent to Eileen Richards
80th Birthday card sent to Bob Hennessy
Sadly, Hugh McCulloch passed away last week. Unfortunately, I was unable to send a Sympathy card from the Club as I was unable to locate a family contact.

Garden Guru

Hi everyone it's summer already and I can't stop thinking about dahlias, my father's favourite flower. It's too late to plant corms now but you can pick up potted varieties at your local nursery. I especially like Cafe au Lait the princess of cut flowers and a spectacular feature in the garden from summer to autumn. One single bloom can reach up to 30 centimetres across, comprising of more than 100 petals, blushed coral peach in the centre fading to white. Snails and slugs love dahlias, so give them plenty of pellets to eat instead of your dahlias. Berries are such a treat grown in your own backyard, the flavour of the berries grown yourself is beyond compare to anything you might get at the supermarket, so give it a go with strawberries, blueberries and raspberries. Keep a watchful eye out for fungal infections, especially on tomatoes and cucurbits like pumpkin, zucchini and

cucumber. Herb seeds to sow now:- basil borage, oregano, chives, cress, echinacea, lavender, lovage, purslane, sorrel, thyme, catmint, chervil, coriander, dill, lemon balm, mint, parsley, tarragon and sage. Brighten up dull areas with pots of instant colour petunias, marigolds and impatiens. Cut back fuchsias and fertilise, mulch and water pot plants regularly. If you have never planted sweetcorn I can recommend it, but make sure you net them because possums love them more than we do. Hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year. See you soon, Wally.

The Great Mooroolbark Mystery

Who was the mystery man who thought it would be a good idea to gather some firewood at the end of the synthetic green?

Who was the mystery man who backed his car at the end of the synthetic green to gather the said firewood?

Who was the mystery man who became bogged to the axles trying to gather the fire wood?

Who was the very embarrassed mystery man who asked Geoff Bull to tow him out of the mud with a big four-wheel drive vehicle?

Will the mystery man reveal himself, or will he forever remain a mystery? Do the initials G.L. mean anything?

BLOOMS ON BRICE

Beautiful flowers for any occasion

In 1995 Kerri began the Blooms On Brice story. You can't walk by this amazing florist without smelling the array of beautiful fragrant flowers. This florist captures all things botanical and beautiful.

Have a look at the online store and see the gift ware and read Kerri's story. It truly is inspiring!

bloomsonbrice.com.au for all online orders
or pop in to 10 Brice Ave Mooroolbark 3138
Phone 9727 4044





Who let the dogs out?
We did!

Contributions can be sent to The Editor
Julie Burton Mob 0412 374 189
Email julieburton1956@outlook.com

Message from the Bar

As you all know the Bar makes a big contribution to the Club's finances, but we desperately need Bar staff. It's not a hard job and we will help you get started.

Please let Steve Price know if you can help.
Ph: 0418 635 649

Corporate Challenge is starting up again next year in February on Tuesday nights. I would really appreciate some help on these nights as well as extra Bar staff.

Rob Telling Ph: 0418 858 848

Barefoot Bowls

After that horrid storm we had that damaged the Synthetic Green I had to cancel some Barefoot Bowls functions booked.

Finally, I got the go ahead to start over. Yay!

Again, sadly, it hasn't happened.

Mother Nature is still out and about and being slightly mean. Last Sunday, it was a wash out, but the group still came and had a lovely time undercover.

On Monday, the group didn't even make it. It was a complete wash out with heavy rains, hail and thunder. I am not giving up, one day soon it will happen.

Thank you to my two assistants who offered to

help me, Don McKie and Jim Hampton. I really appreciate you being there for me. You will never go unnoticed. Let's hope the next Barefoot Bowls actually happens!

Cheers all and stay safe
Kind regards Gayle Falkner

Wrong Bowls Bag

If you ever mistakenly take someone else's bowls bag to an away Pennant game, it can work out for the best! Thanks Glenys Godkin. I had my best game for a while. Luckily, we were both at the same game and could have 2 bowls each. Julie

BLUE CROSS BARADINE
TRYING TO FIND THE PERFECT AGED CARE HOME?

15-19 Baradine Rd Mooroolbark 3138

Baradine's location has the sweeping Dandenong Ranges to its East and bustling Croydon and Bayswater at its feet.

Baradine is a beacon of quality care for people with low, high, and dementia specific care needs.

Phone for Expert advice: 1300 133 414

Aged Care, Respite, Home Care.



15-19 Baradine Rd, Mooroolbark

Book a tour. T 9727 7100