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## From The Board

Hello Members

As mentioned in the February Barkers Byte the Club and Bowls Section AGMs will be on 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10:00am and there will be a few vacancies to fill. If you are thinking of nominating for a position or would like more information about what the various roles entail the following members would be pleased to talk to you.

Bowls Section – Neville Roper or Bob Milligan

Club Board of Management - Les Hunter, Eric Stevens, Eric Atkinson

Nomination forms will be available from the Clubrooms from early April.

One of the flow-on benefits of this year's successful Corporate Challenge is that it introduced a lot of new people to the Club and consequently we have had a number of new member applications both for bowls and social membership.

On Saturday afternoon 18<sup>th</sup> March we had a stall at the Celebrate Mooroolbark Festival. We had a number of inquiries and hopefully they develop to being members. A small working group put the display together, so thanks to all those who helped. The group decided that a Try Bowls Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> April would be of

interest and flyers were handed out. More information on this in the next couple of weeks.

The Club has accepted the insurance quote for 2023/24 from Allianz Australia via Bowling Clubs Insurance Brokers (BCIB). We were pleasantly surprised as we were expecting a bigger increase due to all the claims being made to insurance companies over the last 12 months. Let's hope we don't have to make a claim.

It has been decided that this year instead of having a formal Volunteers Day that each volunteer area (Bar, Tournament, Maintenance, Board, Kitchen, Bowls Committee etc) team leader should organise an "end of year" thank you for their own team as an acknowledgement of all their hard work throughout the year. A small gift will be organised by the Board for each volunteer. The Board and Bowls Committee will ensure that all volunteers, not part of a team are included.

Hope to see you at the Club.

Board of Management – March 2023

## Celebrate Mooroolbark Festival





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### **New Members**

The Club would like to welcome the following new members: John Leonard, Suzanne Handley, Stephen Wright, Mark De Roy and Martin Regina. Geoff

### **Tournament**

The MOOROOLBARK CLASSIC went well in beautiful weather with a full field of 36 teams of triples. It was a huge day, with many compliments regarding the greens, food and smooth running of the event. Thanks to all the volunteers without whom these days wouldn't be possible. Photos are on the Gallery page of the website.

CALADENIA DAY 29/4 is now full with 36 teams of triples entered, 26 of them visiting or composite teams. With entries closing so early, it's likely there may be some cancellations, so if you'd like to put your name or team as an emergency, please ring Jackie.

FRI JACKPOT PAIRS - The weekly jackpot will increase by **\$50/week** and not \$25 as previously advertised with \$25 sponsored by Mooroolbark Medical Centre, and Don deciding to put \$25 into the pot instead of running the tennis ball comp. Anything left over will go to the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. Jackpot is \$150 already!

GOOD FRIDAY April 7<sup>th</sup> – 3 Bowl Pairs

Light Lunch provided. \$20 per person. Play starts 9.30.

ANZAC DAY 25/4 - entry sheet is now open. 3B triples 2 games x 9 ends with afternoon tea after 1st game. Single entry, stick draw. Register no later than noon, for 12.30 service before 1pm bowls. \$12pp or \$4 for afternoon tea only.

The FINAL OF MIXED PAIRS has been scheduled for 6pm Tue 28/3. Mackays v Brackstones. Pushed back due to pennant finals and weather.

### **Sunshine Lady**

Get Well cards sent to John Baker and Don McKie.

### **RSA Course**

The Club is going to run an RSA Course late September, so if you would like to participate, contact Bob Richardson.

Also, a huge thank you to all the volunteers during the 4 weeks of the Corporate Challenge competition. Rob

### **\$1000 Draw**

The last draw will be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### **Monday Morning Crew**

Another month has gone by already, it has all been a bit quiet of late with the usual weeding, lawn mowing and general gardening activities keeping on keeping on. I think Bruce has been doing too many burnouts in the car park as one of the few repair jobs this month has been to replace a blown tyre on the ride on mower. You may have also noticed we have finished laying out the pavers indicating the parking areas in the rear car park. Using pavers should overcome the potential trip hazard the original fire hose layout posed. One point of note is that when we were laying out the area, Alan Dufton decided to park his car there for a couple of days while he was away, true to form Alan managed to park his car right where one of the pavers was to go. So on that note Duffy gets the Duffer of the Month award!

That's about all, don't forget if you see something that needs repair or replacing just let me know. I will get in first though. One of the things that needs doing is to replace some of the timbers in the bushes around the greens. If anyone has some suitable timber please give me a call. Congratulations to Ken and Carol Sullivan on their 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary!



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### Garden Guru

Hi everyone, have you tried growing sweet peas that add vibrant colour to your garden? Scented varieties are out now. Try pale blue Flora Norton, white Highscent, purple blue Lord Nelson and the delicate cerise pink Miss Willmott.

Bulbs:- plant anemone, daffodil, freesia, grape hyacinth, jonquil, lachenalia, sparaxis and tritonia. Tulip bulbs should be placed in crisper for 4-6weeks before planting so now is the time. A new tulip out is the double fringed 'Queensland'. It is red and white for United. Start potting up primulas if you have grown them before, as they will have self-seeded everywhere, so dig them up. Also pot up pansies, violas and Iceland poppies for winter flowering. Fertilise Camelias and fertilise and spray citrus trees with white oil. I have been told Queensland fruit fly is rife in Melbourne so watch out for them. Use Autumn leaves for the compost heap.

Flowers:-sow seeds of alyssum, carnation, cornflower, Canterbury bell, delphinium, hollyhock, lupin, stocks and verbena.

Vegetables:- beetroot, broccoli, cabbage, leek, lettuce, onion, parsnip, radish and silverbeet. I came back from holiday and found two truss tomatoes too soft to eat so I will keep the seeds

and let you know if they germinate. That's all for now see you on the bowling green Wally.

### The Etiquette of Bowls

One of my friends at the Club recently gave me a small book to look at by J.P.Monro. It is obviously a very old book, but some things in it are still relevant.

The first paragraph begins with: "The most expressive definition of Etiquette is 'conventional decorum.' It is those little acts that help to make Our Game such a wonderful creator of sociability and friendship."

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BP Cardigan Rd has been a great sponsor for so many years sponsoring our Good Friday tournament for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. When Mooroolbark bowls approached Ranjith, he was so pleased his sponsorship supported such an important day. Thankyou Ranjith! You have done amazing renovations and made the service station so appealing, as well as keeping your fuel prices to such a low cost even in these hard times.



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happy to greet you and hope you  
enjoy the new look BP!**

**Exciting News :** Jim is back. The local Motor Mechanic that has been servicing all the cars around Mooroolbark and afar, starts back around the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. Pop your head in and say hello to the new team and tell them you're from Mooroolbark Bowls club.

