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From the Board

Hello Members

Despite the "Mid-Winter Blues" and a number of members away for their annual "warm weather hunt" it is pleasing to see bowlers out on the greens.

We also have a number of new members trying bowls for the first time so if you see a new face, please say Hello and make them welcome as we are "The Friendly Club."

Mandy Carter has been busy getting 2 new sponsors (Revive to Survive and JR Air Conditioning) on board which is great and as always please give them a go if you can. Their details are on display in the Clubrooms.

Mandy has also put the new Ladies Pennant Jacket on display in the Clubrooms.

As we are all aware, utility prices are set to significantly increase from 1st August and the Club will also be subject to this increase. Dennis Botten, our Finance Director has been getting alternative prices from other suppliers. However, it appears that our current supplier (AGL for Gas & Elec) is the best offer we can get. The Board will continue to investigate where we can make savings eg. batteries for our solar panels etc. If you have any other helpful suggestions, please let a Board member know as they would be greatly appreciated.

Most Members have paid their annual fees but a number have not for various reasons. A reminder letter will be sent to those Members at the end of the month.

We are currently looking at converting the TV near the bar to a smart TV so we can show live sports events (racing, footy etc) particularly on a Saturday afternoon. We will probably go with KAYO as FOXTEL is too expensive.

Hope to see you at the Club.

Board of Management -July 2023

Saturday Pennant

We decided not to enter the Bowls Victoria Pre- season 9's competition this year, due to the amount of travel involved last time we participated.

Consequently, we are organising practice matches against other Clubs on the following dates: September 9th, 16th & 23rd and October 7th & 14th.

Please put your name on the sheets for the above dates that you're available, so we know how many teams to select for each specific week.

Saturday Match Committee

Tournament

Things are gearing up for the start of the new season. The handbook can't go to print until

we get the pennant draw, but if you want to plan ahead, you can find a PDF of the syllabus on the website under NOTICES/2023-24 DIARY CHAMPIONSHIPS. & championship dates are also there as well as handicap information for the Triples & Fours Handicap Championships. Some dates for your diary - Opening Day is Sun 27/8 from 12.30pm with a short game and afternoon tea. Everyone welcome. There will be a 2-4-2 Open Pairs tournament on 29/9 public holiday. \$25 pp includes 2 course BBQ. Prize money sponsored by Club Kilsyth. Wear your footy colours! All welcome.

Info and entry forms for these events plus some of the championships will be on the noticeboard over the next few weeks. A note for newer members - all affiliated members can play in club championships. The Open Minor Singles might be of particular interest. Check out the Conditions of Play on the website for more info.

At the time of writing, the Friday Jackpot Pairs is currently sitting at \$500. It will stay at that figure until it goes off. If it's not won by 13/10 we will keep drawing on that day until someone wins!!! I've got that date in my diary!! Ian and I are off to the sunny Sunshine





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Coast shortly. See you in September. JACKIE

Licensee needed

The Club requires a member to take on the Licence for the Canteen. The role requires this person to oversee the kitchen to ensure all regulations are met. It does not require the person to do work in the kitchen.

Have you changed your contact details?

The new 23/24 Membership book will be ready for printing very soon.

Please contact: Geoff Lade (Membership Officer) 0403 111 630 OR Mandy Carter (Book Organiser) 0400 574 452

Sunshine Lady

Cards have been sent to: Get Well - Dave and Pam Hillard Get Well - Ann Staggard

Garden Gnome needed



If anyone has a Gnome in their garden approx. 19-30 cm tall that Beryl Turner can borrow in August for a short time, it would really be appreciated. You can contact Beryl on: 0400245483

\$1000 Draw

We are looking for a volunteer to organise the \$1000 draw from September 2023 to March 2024. This is a fun way to generate revenue for the Club and Members can win \$1,000 each draw. It is drawn at the end of each month

during Friday night drinks. Peter Orger is happy to show you how it's run. So, if you are interested or need more information, please contact Les Hunter or Eric Atkinson.

FEELING GRATEFUL

Clubs don't just happen upon a
whim
It's the best of the best that
pitch in
You're the reason our Club
keeps growing

You're the reason our drinks
keep flowing
Thank you to our Volunteers
behind the Bar
You are all Amazing!





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Monday Morning Crew

Another month rolls by and although it may not feel like it at times, it is starting to warm up a bit. The biggest indicator for us is the increase in the proliferation of weeds. The gardeners have been very busy pruning and weeding their respective gardens with a bit of mulch, which will go down in the next couple of weeks. A small project we are about to commence is the removal of the Agapanthus along the small section of garden at the rear corner of the club house. There has been a bit of discussion as to whether we plant native plants or others, so if anyone has any suggestions, please let me know.

You may have noticed a large pile of new mulch in the rear parking area behind the container, that was donated by a mate of Steve Lawson's and is much appreciated by the Monday mob. If anyone is looking for some tree work to be done the mulch was delivered by Crow Tree Services from Montrose.

Other than gardening, you may have noticed we have started preparing the shelters (for want of a better description) around Green one ready for painting. At this stage our plan is to roof them with laserlite and maintain the shade cloth underneath them. Also planned, is to run cables between the shelters and have retractable shade cloth attached to them.

We are looking for a small upright fridge to locate in the kitchen to save having to run the large commercial fridge over the quieter winter periods. If anyone has a fridge that is in working order and they are not using, if you are prepared to donate it to the club it would be much appreciated. Please just give me a call.

Just in closing, we wish Anne Staggard a speedy recovery from her recent knee surgery, we are not too sure if Vic's home cooking is up to scratch!!

That's about it. Geoff 0427 700 113

Garden Guru

Hi everyone, now is a great time to prepare your vegie patch. Choose an area with full sun for six hours a day if possible, and close as you can to the kitchen door so that you have easy access to go fork to fork:- garden fork to kitchen fork.

Prepare your beds by removing weeds and digging the area well to break up the soil. Improve it with pelletised fertiliser, well-rotted compost and decomposed manure, as this will raise beds 20 cm and encourage good drainage. Mulch well with sugar cane or pea straw.

Seeds can be sown directly into the ground or in seed trays. It is advisable to spread seeds out a little, but after saying that my brother- in- law sowed carrots in a long line, didn't space them out and they are whoppers so it's up to you. Protect your seedlings from pests with snail pellets and cover with clothes and nets.

Vegie gardens need regular watering, either daily or morning and evening using a drip irrigation system is the way to go. Harvesting is the most rewarding time, it's a good idea to stagger your sowing so you will have a regular supply for months.

A new nasturtium called Canary Creeper is a fascinating variety known for its climbing nature and beautiful yellow flowers with heavily dissected petals that resemble the wings of a canary. Bulbs to plant now: gladiola, hippeastrum, day lily. canna and Vallotta.

That's all for now. See you next month. I'm off to England. Wally







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Set in Mooroolbark, BlueCross Baradine has the sweeping Dandenong Ranges to the east and the bustling Croydon and Bayswater at its feet.

An elegant residence, BlueCross Baradine's interiors reflect the graceful lines of early 20th century design, with a grand chandelier and tall ceilings in the front entrance, and crown mouldings, soft hues and 1930's inspired art prints throughout the residence.

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Carly Bullock
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Client Services Manager

To contact the residence directly, please call (03) 9727 7100.



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