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Note from the Editor

I would like to thank all those contributing to the Barkers Byte. It is good to get a broad range of information from all areas of the Club.

From the Board

Hello Members

Now that spring is here there has been a noticeable increase in activity around the Club as members return from their winter break. It was good to see such good attendances at the Thursday Pennant practice and information sessions. Thanks to the Bowls Committee, selectors and coach Henny Cortenbach for their time and efforts as we look forward to hopefully another successful season.

We had our Opening Day on 27th August when the greens were officially opened by Aaron Violi our Federal Member for Casey. Everyone had a good time and the weather was kind to us.

On the 13th September we had a visit from Sarah Yeates the CEO of Caladenia Dementia Care for an information session on dementia and how best to identify it and how we should handle it if we thought it might be affecting members, family or friends. This is something that we will also discuss further with both Bowls Vic and Bowls Aus as there needs to be

some guidelines for Clubs to assist them with addressing these types of issues.

A reminder to members that the United Fuel Card is still available to members (4 cents off a litre: 2 to the member and 2 to the Club). Currently 16 members have taken up the offer. See the link below if you wish to apply.
<https://www.unitedpetroleum.com.au/fuel-discount-cards/up-community/mooroolbark-bowls-club>.

We will be updating our **In Case of Emergency (ICE)** member information in the next few weeks as it has been a number of years since we last collected it. The request will be sent to all members. Hopefully, we will not need it and it is not mandatory, but we believe it to be essential for member safety and duty of care.

The \$1,000 Draw will commence on Friday 29th September. It is being run by Bob Richardson, so if you want to be part of it please ensure that you have contacted and paid your \$20 (or \$140 if you want to pay for the 7 draws -Sep 23-to March 24) before the draw. (Further information attached).

See you at the Club.

Board of Management –September 2023

**BOWLS COMMITTEE
INFORMATION**

UMPIRES, MEASURERS AND COACHES REQUIRED

To compliment and lighten the workload of our current umpires, measurers and coaches, we are asking for more of our members to take on these very important and rewarding positions within our Club.

Courses for these positions can be completed online together with practical sessions.

The cost of these courses and relevant accreditations will be paid by the Club.

If you would like further information about any of these courses, please contact Neville Roper or Rob Waghorn.

SATURDAY NIGHT FOOD.

We are looking at trying to improve the format for our Saturday aftergame food.

Without going back to our old Bistro system or sausage sizzle, we thought one way we could do it is that a person or persons could provide different foods each week.

Ideally, what we would like is for 1 or more members to come up with whatever they would like to cook.

Hopefully, if we get enough people interested, we will have different food types each week.



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So, if you have a flair for catering or would like to try your hand at sharing your favourite dishes, this could be for you.

The cost of the food you purchase will be funded by the Club.

So we can suitably promote what food is happening each Saturday, we would like what date you would be prepared to cater for and what gourmet food you will be providing.

If you would like to put your hand or hands up, please see Rob Telling or Neville Roper. **PENNANT UNIFORM.**

The Bowls Committee has reviewed the clothing worn in our Pennant games.

This review was done so that as a Club when we play Pennant we are all wearing the same uniform.

As a result of this review, the only Pennant uniform clothes now to be worn are:

- *Current Pennant Shirt*
- *Current Pennant Jacket*
- *Club Hoodies*
- *Royal Blue Jumpers*
- *Royal Blue Jackets*
- *Royal Blue Sleeveless Vests*
- *Club caps & bucket hats, wide brim sun hats.*

Apart from the wide brim sun hats all other uniform items **MUST** have the Bowls Australia logo on them.

From the first Pennant game this season, the old light blue jackets and white jumpers cannot be worn whilst playing Pennant but can still be worn for Club Championships and Social Bowls.

Please contact Neville Roper or Rob Waghorn if you have any queries.

Weekend (Saturday) Pennant

AFL Grand Final Day - Saturday 30th September there will be no practice games against opposition Clubs.

We will be having Pennant practice between 10am and 12 o'clock (internal matches), if you are interested in attending put your name down on the sheet set up on the notice board. Teams will be selected from names on the sheet in the morning.

Oct 7th Bayswater Division 3 & 5 and Heatherdale Division 4 at home. Boronia Division 2, 4 & 5 away

Oct 14th Dandenong Club Division 1, 2, 3, 4 at home. Dandenong Club Division 5 and Yarra Junction Division 6 away

Oct 21st Bowls Victoria - Weekend Pennant Season 2023-24 starts.

Regards Weekend Match Committee

Midweek Pennant

With the first game for this year's Pennant Season starting on Tuesday Oct 24th we have arranged the following Practice Matches, ALL games starting by 10:30am:

Tuesday October 3rd, Tuesday October 10th & Tuesday October 17th. Please put your names on the sheets if you are available for any or all of these dates.

Tuesday Oct 3rd at this stage will be inter-club (no uniforms).

Tuesday Oct 10th we will have 3 sides playing Glen Waverley Away & 1 side playing Yarra Junction at Home with any players not selected playing against each other. (Uniforms required).

Tuesday Oct 17th we will be playing games against both Lilydale (Home/Away) & Monbulk (Home). Depending upon numbers available, we will dictate how many sides will play at Lilydale & at Home. (Uniforms required).

If there are any queries please contact one of the Tuesday Selectors.



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Tournament

Oaks Day last year was a fun and successful day, so with your support, we will run it again this year. The entry sheet is now up and starting to fill. The format is mixed 4s. 2 Games of 11 ends starting 10.30am. \$1000 prize money thanks to our sponsors Wm Matthews and St Johns Rise. Fee is \$110 per team of 4 includes a 2 course chicken & champagne lunch. Uniform or bowls attire. Each team must have at least 1 lady or 1 man. Singles can put their name down under SINGLES. Lunch only is \$17.50.

We desperately need more entries for some of the championships on the noticeboard, especially **Ladies Singles**. It would be very sad if we couldn't run this event, meaning that our club misses out on sending a lady to the Champion of Champions next year. I sincerely ask **all** ladies to consider entering. Regardless of ability or experience, anyone can win on their day. Entries close on 30/9. R1 Sun 8/10 10am.

Newer bowlers or (ladies and men) can also consider entering **Open Minor Singles**. More experienced bowlers can also enter although some criteria applies (see conditions of play on noticeboard).

Good bowling - *Jackie*

Coach Message - Henny

| Things to remember | |
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| 1. Try and adopt the game plan we have for Pennant | |
| 2. Try and come to Pennant Practice between 5.15 & 6.15 on Thursdays | |
| 3. Use the new voting slips, your votes count | |
| 4. One on One coaching available most Sundays 10 til 12 | |
| 5. Contact the coach for any advice/tips/help you might need | |

Social Bowls

Wednesday and Friday Social Bowls is really picking up numbers, with 60 on Wednesday 13th and over 40 Friday 15th. The Club is also having several players from other clubs entering on these days.

Friday Night Raffle Tickets

I would like to put a big thank you in Barkers Byte for Mandy due to her organising the raffle tickets we now use Friday night. They not only save the club money, in paper and printer ink but the time and effort it took to print, cut, staple and perforate on the sewing machine.

The ladies are delighted no more folding raffle tickets during raffle time. Thank you so much!
Cheers Merv

\$1000 Draw

The \$1000 draw started this month September. Any unpaid numbers will be sold off Friday 29th at 5pm with the draw around 6.30pm. October's draw is open and monies are payable now, please pay early so as you do not forget and I am not chasing you later on. If you do not want to remain in the draw, please let me know ASAP as there is a waiting list. Contact Bob Richardson on 0407 354 054. If I don't answer, leave a message or text. I am also at the club most days. Good luck!

Breast Cancer and Prostrate Cancer Day 13th October



Beryl has set up a table with the items that will be raffled. Tickets will be \$1 or 3 for \$2. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

Sunshine Lady

Cards were sent to:
Sue Reid – Get Well
Glenys Godkin – Get Well



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Check where you put your bowls' stickers!

First practice match; our skip who will remain nameless, was so excited with his new set of bowls' stickers that he put them on the wrong side of the bowl! All four. Consequently, his first bowl was wrong bias. He persevered with the misplaced stickers and only did one more bias for the day. Amazingly, he bowled very well! Is this a new trend?

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Garden Guru

Hi everyone, some seeds to sow straight into your prepared garden beds are cosmos and dahlias. You can also plant tubers and zinnias and basil, tomato, and chilli, in frost free areas. Plant 'four o'clocks' vibrant unusually patterned flowers that bloom from dusk to dawn. These date back to the Aztecs and are due for a revival. I used to grow a plant called night scented stock (plain through the day, but the scent at night was amazing). Sweet potato tubers are an easy to grow vegetable and store well. The edible leaves can be used like spinach. The tubers will give off shoots and can be planted separately, growing long tendrils that can be tied to stakes.

Dig up when the leaves turn yellow. Flowers to plant now:-alyssum, aquilegia, delphinium, godetia (my favourite annual when I lived in England. I have not seen it here), larkspur, lobelia, lupin, nasturtium, petunia and snapdragon. Vegies to plant now:-broad beans, cabbage, carrot, celery, kohlrabi, lettuce, parsnip, silver beet, spring onions, and sweetcorn. That's all for now, see you on the bowling green. Wally

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Monday Morning Crew
A team of dedicated workers who ensure our Club always looks its best!



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AUTO AID

Hello Everyone,

My name is Dallan Dobell and I have recently purchased Auto Aid Service and Repair, formally known as AJR Automotive, in Croydon.

Cars have been a passion of mine for as long as I can remember which led me to a career in the Automotive Industry. I have been a Mechanic for over 10 years and have earned a Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology and a Certificate IV in Automotive Mechanical Diagnosis. In addition, I also attained a Certificate II in Automotive Air Conditioning Technology.

After working in Croydon for the majority of my career, the opportunity

to purchase AJR Automotive was presented to me and I was eager to get in and operate my own family run business.

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Thank you, Dallan Dobell

