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## From The Board

Hello Members

It is a year since the storm that flooded the synthetic green occurred and we will be contacting Yarra Ranges Council again to see if they can help us (financially) with the repairs /replacement. It is a slow process and we will continue to see if there is any assistance they can provide, as they say "if you don't ask you don't get". However, in the meantime it was good to see a number of members helping with rolling up and rolling back the green carpet. A big thank you to Agturf (Doug Agnew) for arranging the repairs and for all the work they are doing in trying to get all the rinks playable.

Most members will have received a copy of the Year Book, but if not, please see Mandy Carter. Again, well done Mandy!

Cash for Cans - We will be collecting all recyclable (10c symbol) cans and bottles. This will generate additional revenue for the Club. Gary Roberts will be looking after this, thanks Gary for taking this on.

We had a successful Oaks Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November with all rinks full and a lovely Chicken & Champagne lunch. Looks like this will be a regular on our Events Calendar. Thanks to Jackie MacKay and her team, Beryl

Turner for the tables and other decorations and the kitchen staff and all the other volunteers.

A number of members attended a Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) course on 22<sup>nd</sup> November and will receive their certificates shortly. Thanks to those members for their time and hopefully this will make it easier to schedule volunteers for the Bar roster.

Most of you will have seen the email and Club flyer advertising the music afternoon for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. It is being organised by Gayle Faulkner with help from Drew Pallot. It is limited to 100 guests, so get in quick and contact Gayle on 0415 554 016 for your booking.

Take care and see you at the Club.

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## Tournament

Oaks Day was a great success once again with good feedback on the food and the smooth running of the day. Although we attracted quality players from other clubs, some travelling from as far away as Deer Park, Mooroolbark teams still took out three of the 5 prizes. Thanks to everyone for their support. Photos of the winners are on the GALLERY page of the website.

Championships that have finals prior to Xmas are: Open Pres HCap (10am 3/12), Men's, Ladies, Minor Singles (1pm 10/12) and Men's/Ladies Pairs (10am 17/12). Please come and cheer on our future champions. Entry forms are now up for the remaining championships that start after Christmas. You've got to be in it to win it!

Entry sheet is up for NYE tournament. Due to a limited number of rinks on Green 3 it will be first in, best dressed to get a game. We will play triples or fours (to fit in as many players as possible), single entry, stick draw, 2 games of 9 ends, with 2 course dinner after bowls. \$25pp includes Xmas ham & salad, and either plum pudding or fruit salad (please mark P or F next to your name so we know what to order). \$15 for dinner only. To help us avoid food wastage with "no shows" we appreciate a deposit of \$10pp. **Note: This will be a fundraiser for Upwey/Tecoma BC who lost \$118,000 in an email scam in October. Please see attached information re the scam.**

**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, and a big thank you for your support during the past year - Jackie**



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### **Coach Message**

Sunday Coaching times may vary from week to week with Club & Regional matches taking place.

Check the noticeboard at club-room entry or even send a message to me on 0418 530 247 for times. Cheers Barkers!

### **Andrew Hosking Duo**

Hello Members,

The Mooroolbark Lawn Bowls Club has a new initiative from the Board.

Please find all information below, as well as posters will be scattered around the club.

Introducing the Andrew Hosking Duo. Playing all well-known songs of the past.

Sunday 3rd December between 2pm and 5pm.

\$10 entry fee per person. Payable at the door on arrival. Can be paid by cash or eftpos.

Bookings are ESSENTIAL as a first in best dressed basis, limited to 100 people.

Bring your own nibbles for your table. Chips and peanuts available to buy over the bar.

Drinks at bar prices. Come along for 3 hours of great music and dancing.

Contact Gayle to book,

[gaylefaulkner3134@gmail.com](mailto:gaylefaulkner3134@gmail.com)

or 0415 554 016.

### **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

We would like to participate in the Bunnings barbecue and we are looking for a member to run the event and for volunteers to help on the day. If you would be available or have questions, please speak to Neville Roper or Rob Telling.

### **Bar Volunteer**

The bar needs a volunteer for Sat pennant 2.30 pm – 3.00 pm. If you are able to help, please contact Steve Price.

**Friday Members Night** Please note that the last Members Draw, raffles, food and free drink tickets for 2023 will be on 15th December. This will recommence on Friday 19th January 2024. The Club will be open Friday 22nd & 29th December 2023 and the 5th & 12th January 2024 for social drinks etc as usual.

### **Barefoot Bowls**

The weather has improved and I am starting to get bookings for Bare Foot Bowls. I have hosted a couple recently with more to come.

I have recently purchased an Urn and introduced Tea and Coffee and a biscuit, as well as 'Closest to the Ditch' with the winner

receiving a prize. I must say, the people are loving it!

I will try my hardest to sign some people up to the club.

Keep putting the word out there for me please, to any Companies/Businesses you might know who would like to come and have some drinks and lots of fun.

Thank you all. Kind regards Gayle 😊

### **\$1000 Draw**

Fran Gaut No 48 won the October draw.

Michael Plunkett No 58 won the November draw.

Please pay for the December draw by 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month, to be drawn on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>. Please get \$20 payments to Bob Richardson early.

### **Sunshine Lady**

Cards were sent to:

Graham Storm – Get Well

Rex Menser – Get Well

Neil Johnson – Get Well

John Drummond – Thinking of You

Fiona Harris (Stuart's wife) – Thinking of you

Eddie Scott – Thinking of You



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## Congratulations!

I'm sure most of you know that the Professionals are one of our major sponsors.

Regina Atkinson and Patrick Donker from the Professionals attend the Club on the first Friday of the month to donate the meat tray and other prizes. It was great to hear that Regina was recently awarded #1 in Australia and #2 internationally as the top sales agent for the Professionals Group.

Congratulations Regina and we look forward to seeing your smiling face at the Club!



Oaks Day – Thanks to Mary, Beryl, Judy and Di







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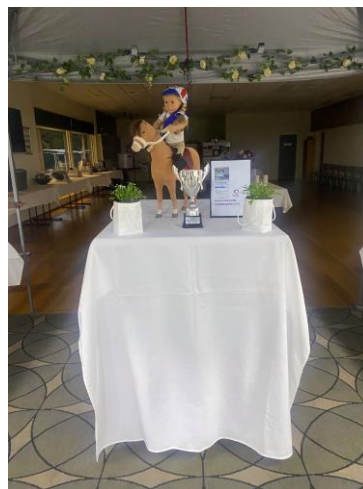
### Peter Mac Fundraiser

On 7/11/2023 I hosted a very successful annual Peter Mac Fundraiser in honour of my son Josh, who passed away from Bowel Cancer. We raised over \$13,000 for Bowel Cancer Research on the day. Fun was had by all playing Barefoot Bowls and joining in festivities on a typical Melbourne Cup Day.

Appreciate members who bought tickets in the raffle which in itself raised \$4000. With this fundraiser, I have now raised over \$100,000 for Bowel Cancer Research.

One of the things I do as a personal contribution to the Peter Mac, is provide all prizes and food to enable EVERY DOLLAR raised goes directly to the Peter Mac.

Thank You for being able to use the horse and jockey, tablecloths and the club. On the day, also thanks to Drew Pallot, Tony West, Rob Waghorn, Trevor Ford and Gary Roberts.  
*Bernadette Cescato*



## Christmas BOWLS

### BREAK UP

ON: SATURDAY DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> (After pennant)

TIME: 6.15 PM (Dinner)

\$20 (Chicken /Spuds/ Salad and Desert)

**Come and enjoy the Music**

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE SHEET

AND ANY OTHER GUESTS NAME WRITE UNDER YOURS SO WE CAN COUNT NUMBER OF PEOPLE COMING

Payments posted in the letter box inside the club with all names and guests attending **OR** give payment to

Pat Garden /Mandy Carter

To have names marked off

MONEY MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE 12<sup>TH</sup>

DECEMBER FOR CATERING PURPOSES

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN

**XMAS RAFFLES WILL BE DRAWN,  
MEMBERS LUCKY DOOR PRIZES  
TO BE WON**



**A Great Way to get to Bowls Beryl!**

### **Monday Morning Crew**

Another month has flown by and in addition to the lawns and gardens looking great we are also making progress on the shelters around Green 1. The painting of the frames and seats is almost complete and hopefully the polycarbonate roofing will be completed in the coming weeks (Dec). Dave Arnott has been following up sourcing the shade cloth to go between the shelters and that also should be done in the near future.

Getting towards the end of the year I held a Monday Morning Crew BBQ at my place which was attended by almost everyone who has helped during the year. The weather was excellent and a big thank you to Peter Orger for performing cooking duties for me. Everyone had a good relaxing afternoon solving the problems of the world and several people had a guided walk around our (Marilyns) garden.

Marilyn and I will be away for much of December, so we will see you later. Geoff



### **Garden Guru**

Hi everyone, it's time to plant tomatoes, choose a sunny spot with well-drained soil. Tomatoes are heavy feeders, so make sure to prepare your soil by adding lots of potassium, rock dust, potash and blood and bone. You can also plant other summer vegies too, such as chilli, capsicum, cucumber, pumpkin, zucchini, eggplant and corn. Interplant these with some beneficial attracting plants like alyssum, marigold, dill, and parsley to keep aphids, white fly and other pests under control. Dragon fruit or Pitaya is a perennial climbing tropical cactus that produces vibrant juicy fruit, cuttings can be planted this month, start them in small pots until roots have formed and there's healthy new growth, then transfer them to a large pot or the garden, They grow very tall so you will have to stake them. Liquid fertilize annuals and dead head. Sow cosmos seed or plant seedlings for a massed summer display. Remember to start mulching around fruit trees and plants to retain moisture in the soil and prepare trees for netting next month. That's all for now, see you on the bowling green Wally.





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## JR Air Conditioning

JR Air conditioning is a proud new sponsor of Mooroolbark Bowls Club for the new 2023-2024 season.

JR Air Conditioning is owned by a local couple, from Mooroolbark, Jared and Larissa Rawlings. This year Jared has taken the leap to start his own business full time, after working for 8 years for a commercial air conditioning company.

JR Air conditioning provides new installations of split systems, whole home ducted units as well as cleaning and servicing of existing heating and air conditioning units.

Jared is more than happy to take the time to walk you through your options and what would work best for you and your situation.

Jared and Larissa have a young family themselves, Mia (3) and Charlie (1) so they know the importance of a trusted, reliable and experienced Tradie when you're investing money into your home. They offer very competitive rates compared to the bigger companies and offer free no obligation quotes.

JR Air conditioning doesn't only work with one particular brand but rather with a large variety through a wholesaler, which allows Jared to quote multiple options, to show your different prices to work within your budget.

Jared and Larissa look forward to becoming a local name within the Mooroolbark community and are excited to have a new partnership with Mooroolbark Bowls. If you see two cheeky but adorable kids wandering around the bowls club, you can expect it to be the Rawlings Family, please feel free to say hi.

Please reach out to them if you are looking to install a new unit, update an old system or need a service, they would be more than happy to hear from you and ensure you mention you're from the Bowls Club!

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FB: [www.facebook.com/JRAirconditioningptyltd](https://www.facebook.com/JRAirconditioningptyltd)

