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#### From The Board

Hello Members and Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2024 and hope you had a relaxing break over the festive season.

Who knows what's instore for this year but no doubt there will be many unforeseen challenges and opportunities ahead.

It was sad to say good-bye to long-time member and friend Eddie Scott, who passed away in late December. Many members attended the funeral at Le Pine and the refreshments at the Club afterwards to have a drink and a chat to remember Eddie. Our condolences go to Phyllis and Tom and we hope to see them at the Club in the near future. On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January we presented Upwey Tecoma Bowls Club with a cheque for \$1,058 to help with cost recovery from being scammed last year (see our Facebook page for photo and more details).

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March we will have a stall at the Celebrate Mooroolbark Festival followed by a Try Bowls Day on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. We will be asking for volunteers for both days over the next few weeks.

There are concerns about the Club front door being left open when there is no one at the Club (during the day). So, if you are about to leave and there is no one else there, please ensure the door is locked (Locking instructions are above the podium). Members should have their access swipe card with them to allow access when the door is locked.

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January the Club held another very successful music (singing, dancing and drinking) afternoon. Well done to Gayle Faulkner and Drew Pallot for organising this. We look forward to a similar afternoon in February (see the flyer/advert).

This year's AGM's (Bowls & Club) will be held on the Sunday 19th May commencing at 10:00am, so please make a note in your diaries. Take care as we look forward to a successful year- GO BARKERS!

Board of Management –January 2024



#### **Tournament**

Everyone who played or contributed to the New Year's Eve tournament can be very proud. We raised \$1058 for Upwey Tecoma Bowls Club who were scammed last Oct of \$118,000. A breakdown of the amount raised is on the noticeboard i.e. 50% green fees \$175, Raffle \$105, Lucky Numbers \$179, \$50 donation from Mike Plunkett and \$20 donation from Mandy Carter. A total of \$529 which the Board was kind enough to match, so a total of \$1058 was donated. A fantastic entry considering it was only a small tournament with 46 in attendance. Upwey Tecoma was very grateful and insisted on doing a photo of the cheque presentation for their website and Facebook (see attached).

Championships are almost finished with unfortunately poor entries in some events. We have only the Mixed Pairs still open for entries. This year in response to suggestions, we're trialling running it later, with entries closing 2nd April and playing Mon and Thur to get through before presentation day. All dates are on the entry form on the noticeboard.

Mooroolbark Classic on 11th March is filling very fast so don't hang about if you want to enter. I always need emergencies, so if you can please help in this way, please put your





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name(s) under the emergency heading on the entry sheet.

Good bowling BARKERS!! - Jackie

#### **New Members**

The Club welcomes:

Paul Anderson

Daryl Thomson

John Park

Clive Thompson

Bec Powell

Jacob Pappas

#### \$1000 Draw

The \$1000 draw for January was won by Julie Burton No 22. (Hooray!)

Please remember to get your \$20 to Bob Richardson before the last Friday of each month for the \$1000 draw.

### **Sunshine Lady**

Cards were sent to:

Phyllis and Tom Scott - Sympathy (Eddie)

Kay Neagle - Get Well

Rod Dobell - Get Well

Gary Lee - 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Sorry card was not sent. My mistake!).

# Corporate Challenge – Rink Assistants needed please

Hi. Members

The Corporate Challenge is back this February on Wednesday nights - 7th, 14th, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28th.

Your support in past years has been fantastic! We are looking for rink assistants to help the teams with scoring and a little help with bowling. The game starts at 6 30. If you could be there around 6pm that would be good.

You could wear the bowls social shirt or pennant shirt just to identify you as a member. As in the past, each week volunteers will get a

drink ticket and a ticket for a complimentary sausage.

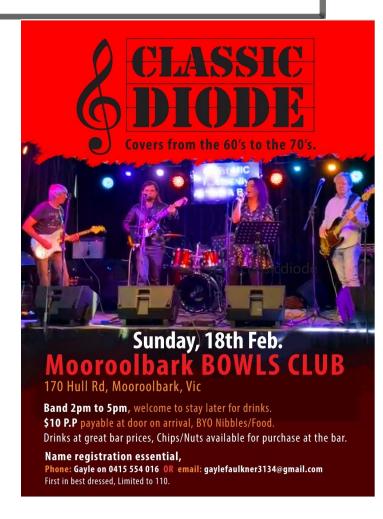
A sheet will be posted in the club at the front entrance.

Any queries ring me on 0418858848 or email <u>roberthenry68@hotmail.com</u>

Many thanks Robbie

### A late thank you to Garry Smith

I failed to mention in the last Barkers Byte that Garry sold 30 books of raffle tickets in our Christmas draw. Excellent effort!







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### **Rental Available**

I have been a member of the Club for 2 years. I currently rent a house with Rod Dobell, a fellow Mooroolbark Bowling Club member. Rod is leaving Mooroolbark to live with his son on the Sunshine Coast about 17th March, 2024. (Lucky Rod!) I am looking for a person to share the rent, share the energy costs and enjoy the house. Either male or female. I am 74. The house is in Manchester Road, about 1km from the Club. There are 2 bedrooms, a study, central heating and a 2 car garage. We have a good landlord and the weekly rent is \$230 each. Please give me a call on 0432 603 688 if you are interested, or maybe you have a friend that you can recommend. Please call early, as I will be also using 'Market Place' to John Crotty find someone.

### Warning!

Guess the lady's name who tried to get into a stranger's car mistaking it for a bowler's car who was picking her up?

# The Things you find in the Dumpster! Tupperware, silver trays and people!



### **Monday Morning Crew**

Another year already and it feels like it has been going forever, a very busy start with work continuing on the shelters which are almost complete, just need two more sheets. The cables for the shade cloth are complete and we just need the material which is on the way.

I cannot thank all those who have helped enough, with the whole process from the initial steel work, to the painting and the roofing.

We have also had a termite inspection done with evidence found in the western boundary retaining wall and nothing in the actual building. It is planned to get the whole area treated in the near future. Ray Morse is also getting quotes to repair/replace the facia boards, gutters and down pipes which will be quite a big job and I plan to just watch on. The Monday morning activities just seem to keep on growing. With the break over the Christmas period the gardens have had minimal attention but I think are still looking really good, so it is great credit to those who look after them and keep the weeds down, which are a neverending problem. A small number of people do a lot of good work so when you see them around the Club please take the time to thank them for their continued efforts. Geoff

### Garden Guru

Hi everyone and a happy New Year to you all! Carrot fly grubs can lay waste to an entire crop of carrots and are often undiscovered until the roots are harvested. Imagine the disappointment when after months of careful cultivation, you dig up your carrot crop, to





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discover it's riddled with discoloured scars and blackened tunnels through the roots. The only guaranteed way of preventing egg laying, is to fit insect exclusion netting immediately after sowing, making sure the net goes at least 5 cm down into the soil to create a full barrier. Keep netting in place until harvest, moving it only briefly for essential weeding and maintenance. Also, you could mulch around sown seeds to discourage egg laying in soil. Dead head and fertilise annuals. Plant beetroot, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, kohirabi, leak, lettuce, mustard and spring onions. That's all for now see you on the bowling green. Wally

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