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From The Board

Hello Members

It was very pleasing to see that Green 3 (synthetic) has been repaired and we now have 3 full greens for our members and visitors to use. Thanks to the Bowls Committee for organising the contractor and getting the work done last week. It also means we can now increase the number of playing teams for our major events, e.g. Caladenia Day in April.

On Sunday 14th March we had a stall at the Celebrate Mooroolbark Festival. The weather was fine which meant we had a lot of inquiries which hopefully will develop into being members. A small working group put the display together and managed the stall throughout the day, so thanks to all those who helped. As a follow up we also held a successful Try Bowls Day on Sunday 24th March, again thanks to the Bowls Committee and all the volunteers who helped the many visitors.

AGM (19th May) notification letters will be sent to members in early April so if you are thinking of nominating for one of the various vacant Committee positions, please note the nomination closing dates.

Congratulations go to Mandy Carter who reached the final of the Champion of Champions. However, it was not to be this time. Next year? She is a great ambassador for the Club and did the Club proud. Also, congratulations to Henny Cortenbach for getting to Round 1 of the Vic Open Finals.

It seems some of our members don't have a front door access swipe card. If you don't have one, please see either Geoff Bull or Geoff Lade.

It was pleasing to see that our Club Insurance for 2024/25 is the same as for 2023/24. Therefore, we have accepted the offer from BCIB (Bowling Clubs Insurance Brokers). Insurance is one of the Club's biggest annual expenses.

The monthly Sunday afternoon band and dance get-together is going well with a great time had by all. A big thank you to Gayle Faulkner and Drew Pallot for organising it. Look for the April flyer to find out more.

Take Care and see you at the Club.
Board of Management –March 2024





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Tournament

The Mooroolbark Classic on 11/3 was another success with a full field of 108 players from 19 different clubs, showcasing our friendly club, great greens, and a strong volunteer base. As well as great feedback on the day from many players, we also received a nice comment in writing i.e. "Hi Jackie, quick message to extend my personal thanks for a very well organized and delightful day on the greens yesterday. From start to finish everything that was done provided for a truly great day. I can't express my thanks enough to both you, your committee and your membership and tireless volunteers for providing a very worthwhile and beneficial day's outing. Thanks again and looking forward to catching up again in April." Well done to all our great volunteers and sponsors. We can't do it without your help.

Our next major tournament, Caladenia Day on 27/4, is already full. However, we always need to have a few players/teams, standing by as emergencies, in case someone arrives late, takes ill, or a person or team is a no show. If you can be an emergency, please put your name(s) down under EMERGENCIES on the entry sheet. If you're asked to fill in at the last minute, no payment is required.

The final championship, Mixed Pairs, closes Tue 2nd April, with matches played at 6pm Mon and Thur from Mon 8th April until the final in 2 weeks. **If you've not already paid, please do so ASAP by end March at latest, otherwise you may miss out on being in the draw.** Jackie, Tournament Manager

New Members Glenn Taylor, Craig Barbour, Ricky Ebel, Peter Martin, Michele Howard, Janine Stack, Joanne Clements, Behind Dingle, Greg Annand, Richie Wright, Brian Donovan, Sandy Hayward, Stephen Dodd, James Morrison, Ben Smulders, Pete Davies, Craig Johns, Trevor Beattie, Gerry Allen

Sunshine Lady

Sadly, one of our previous lady presidents, Shirley Bedford passed away last week.

Cards were sent to:

Sue Thompson – Get Well

Bill Terrill – 80th Birthday

For information regarding funerals at the Club, contact Graham McGrath.

Corporate Challenge

Thank You to all volunteers who made the event a big success: Rink attendants, bar staff, my helpers Col Huggins, Bjorn Davies and

Steve Lawson. Also, to the ladies in the kitchen on the final night who organised a great supper. The event was a great success with some new teams and regulars. Also, a great financial success, as well as lifting our profile in the community. Rob T

Request from the Kitchen

If anyone has glass sweet bowls in their cupboard that they no longer want, could you please drop off to the Club in the kitchen for Beryl and Glennis. Please put your name with them in case they are not suitable.



\$1000 Draw

Please get your money in as soon as possible for the March draw this Friday. This is the last one for the season, restarting in September. You may pay ahead instead of monthly by paying \$140 for 7 months. Bob R



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Music Event March

Hello Members,

We held our 4th music event on Sunday 24th March. We had the Andrew Hosking Duo in from 2 till 5pm and they did not disappoint. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by almost 100 patrons who absolutely smiled the whole afternoon. Thank you to Members and Non-Members for coming along.

Our next event is April 28th. This will be a sell out as we are having the very popular Jimmy Darvidas entertain us. Watch the club's Facebook page for more info. Register with Gayle on 0415 554 016 early, so as not to miss out. Kindest regards Gayle Faulkner 😊





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**Friday Nights Social
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A good way to travel Ken!

Monday Morning Crew

Another busy month, seems it just never ends. The gardening crew are in full swing with the warm weather and a bit of rain, everything is coming on well. The MBCC is looking very crowded with plants and Wally is more than happy with his efforts. So, if you are curious enough go and have a look, it is at the



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far end of the container backing on to the south fence.

The shelters around Green 1 have been completed and the framing for the roofing of the four shelters in front of the Equipment shed are in place and will be roofed at a later date. The shade cloth between the G 1 & 2 shelters is proving a bit challenging and while it is progressing, might take another week or so.

A lot of other bits and pieces have been going on around the club, besides weeding, planting and cutting the grass. Over the past month or so, other activities include:

- Fixing a leak in the desalination plant. Thanks Ken Sullivan
- Repairing a broken water pipe for the Green 1 sprinkler system. Ken Sullivan again.
- Working with the pest control man looking for termites – GB
- Installed a new television in the club rooms - Thanks to Peter Orger and Rob Telling

- Trimming the trees growing through the southern fence - Thanks John (Macca) McBain

- Repairing the hinge on the main club room door. This required removing the complete door to access the hinge - Thanks to Gary Roberts and Steve Rawlingson

- Getting the main oven repaired in time for 2 major functions held during the month.

- Arranging new signage for around the club (Exit, Parking etc). This will hopefully be completed next month - Thanks to Mandy Carter for all the running around and sourcing the signs.

- On going work which people don't see. Thanks to Laurie (Loz) Carter for cleaning the beer lines every 2 weeks and also, thanks to Richard Doherty for setting the weekly door times and alarms for me.

Marilyn and I were away for two weeks and it just goes to show a lot still happens without me, which I am very happy about.

The Monday Morning Team is not just about the garden and lawns, a lot of other maintenance and repair activities are carried out.

At the moment, it is just a handful of people, so if anyone has any handyman/women skills, please give me a call. Even if you can only come and help once or twice it all helps share the load.

Also, Morning Tea is a great social activity which Pat Garden organises, and we all look forward to Wally's jokes, even if they are a bit out of the line!
Regards Geoff

Garden Guru

Hi everyone, it's March and Autumn is upon us, but the weather is still hot and dry. Seeds to sow now: broad beans, peas, beetroot, carrot, brassicas, alliums, parsley, chervil, fennel, Canterbury Bells and Sweet William. It is also time to plant Spring flowering bulbs: anemone, freesia, ranuncula, ixia, sparaxis, tritonia and lachenalia.

Why not try blueberries? Everyone loves them and they will grow where azaleas are, with



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very similar foliage, which turns orange and red in Autumn. Blueberries have the highest antioxidant levels gram for gram of any fruit, with generous amounts of Vitamin C. They are generally, just delicious, crunchy sweet morsels to be consumed by the handful.

If you feel like going the whole hog, try strawberries and raspberries, all are delicious! You only need to plant a couple of strawberry plants and the runners will make new plants for next year. Just snip them off and plant them.

Now is the time to dead head lavender bushes after flowering.

That's all for now. See you on the bowling green! Wally



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