

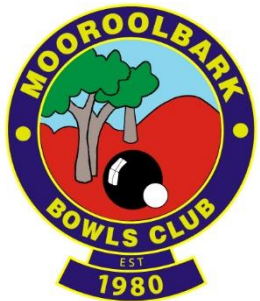


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Bowls Committee Pennant

A belated congratulations to all those teams that made finals this season, and well done to our Weekend pennant 1st team for winning promotion to Division 1 next season, and to our Midweek 1st team for also winning promotion to Division 1 next season, and for making the Divisional semi-final only to go down by 1 shot, a fantastic effort!



Lists are up for the next season's midweek and weekend pennant.

If you are going to play either or both, please put your name down so we can determine how many teams we enter.

Neville

Board

Hello Members

You know we are well into the year when pennant has finished, player numbers increase for social bowls and the autumn/winter programme of maintenance and projects commences for the Monday Morning Crew (see Geoff Bull's report for details).

Hopefully those members who are eligible to attend and vote at the Bowls and Club AGMs have received their AGM notification letter (19th May at 10:00am); if not, could you please contact Eric Atkinson (0488 222 706 or eric.atkinson@bigpond.com). Nominations for the various Club Office Bearers closed on 28th April and all nominations received will be placed on the Club notice board. Please note that if any positions remain vacant after the 19th May and you are interested in putting your hand-up, the Board and Bowls Committee will consider your nomination. Volunteering for the various committees can be made at the AGM (and any other time).

In April we extended both the contracts for the greenkeeper and cleaning for a further 12 months.

All the Club Championships have now been completed and congratulations go to the winners and finalists. A big thank you goes to

Jackie MacKay and her team for running the Championships, a big job well done.

We held our regular ANZAC Day Tournament and service on Thursday, which was well attended, with money collected going to the Croydon RSL. Again, many thanks to Don McKie and Jackie MacKay for organising the day, Beryl Turner for the room set up and those helpers in the kitchen and bar and to Rob Telling our M.C. for the ANZAC service. A very moving occasion and a successful day.

Take care and see you at the AGM.

Board of Management–April 2024

Tournament

The last championship of the season has been run and won. Thanks to everyone who entered, and congratulations to the winners of the Mixed Pairs, Doug Peck and Marg Tull, and Runners Up Carey Rudd and Denise Kirby (photos below). Now the season has ended, we can see that 5 championship events increased entries, 3 decreased and 3 were the same compared to last year. The best movers were Open Minor Singles +5 entries, Ladies 100 Up +4, Open Presidents Handicap +4, Men's Pairs and Mixed Pairs both increased by +1. Thanks to everyone who entered.



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The entry sheet for PRESENTATION DAY on 11th May is at the club. This is a fun day to cap off the season with Lucky Card Draws and Power Plays. Play starts 12.30pm. Format is 2 games of 8 ends, 2-bowl triples, followed by afternoon tea and presentations. Skips for each team will be chosen, and the 3rd and Lead will be by stick draw. Everyone is welcome; and dress code is mufti. **Please arrive by noon so we can get the sticks drawn in time to start play at 12.30pm.** The championship presentations will take place after bowls, and Henny will be presenting the much-anticipated MVP awards for the past season's Saturday pennant. Please put your name(s) on the entry sheet at the clubhouse. \$5pp for bowls/afternoon tea. Entries will close a few days beforehand for catering purposes.

Caladenia Day tournament on Sat 27/4 was another success with 38 teams of triples over 19 rinks playing 4 games of 10 ends. Winners' photos will be uploaded to the website and Facebook soon. Thanks to all entrants, and special thanks to our sponsor Methven the Professionals, and to all the volunteers without whom we'd couldn't run these days. - Jackie



2024 ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL DONATION

Thank you to everyone who played at our Good Friday Royal Children's Hospital charity tournament.

We had 66 participants, with 10 of those joining us for lunch only.

Thanks to the generosity of the board of MBC and members, the total donated is \$1250,

which is \$425 more than 2023.

50% Green Fees	\$280
Raffle proceeds	\$510
Donations	\$210
Jim Bullock	\$250
Charity Haircut	
TOTAL DONATION	\$1250

Thank you to Don Mckie for running the day so efficiently, Beryl Turner for the table decorations and kitchen volunteers, Sue Reid, Drew Pallot, Helen Fellows, Dyan Mckie, Beatrice Mckie and Marg Tull.

Special Thanks to: Peter Orger, Macca, and Jim Bullock.

Donations received from: Allan Gardoll, Trevor Gardoll, Tom Kelly, Peter Orger, Helen & David Scott, Jim Michael and Don Mckie

Please support our sponsor for the day – BP MOOROOLBARK



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New Members

Gavin Pollitt, David Altman, Val Altman, Jim Gunn, Erica Podporin, Allan Gardoll and May Eshraghi

Sunshine Lady

Cards were sent to:
Barrie Browne – Get Well
Kay Neagle – Get Well
John Neagle – Get Well

Friday Night

I would like to give a big shoutout to the members who have offered to volunteer to cook on the 4 Friday nights Alan Dans is away. Bill & Helena, James, Rob & Bernie, T.J. & Liz Merv

Have we got your correct Phone Number?

Any changes that may have occurred regarding your contact details, can you please let us know so we can update the members' data base. The new phone numbers will be printed in the 2024/2025 Membership books for the next playing season. Enjoy your time off!
Keep warm and safe when travelling.
Geoff Lade 0403 111 630
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May Sunday Function

Where is this year going? We are almost into May. This is our next flyer for our live May gig. Don't be put off by the name. They sing all the oldies. I hope to see you all there, so give me a call to register. Cheers.

Kind regards Gayle. 😊

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April Sunday Function

Hello everyone,
I must say it was a bit of an emotional time with this function, but it went really well. We had booked Jimmy Darvidis as our



performer. Sadly, Friday night before the gig without notice, we were informed by Jimmy Darvidis that he could not do our function as his Mum had passed away. A very sad moment indeed. My Promoter, Jim Gray stepped up and did not get off the phone until he found a replacement band for us. We ended up with Mr

Mick and Sav the Rocker. What can I say, they stepped up and were gold. Absolutely great feed-back! Thank you to everyone who came along. Some pics are attached and more pics on Facebook. Cheers, stay safe and see you all next month.





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Monday Morning Crew

Another busy month, with the usual gardening, weeding and mowing, at least with the weather getting a bit cooler the grass is not growing quite as much and the mowing will be a little bit easier with the purchase of a new self-propelled walk behind mower.

You may have noticed a few new signs around the club. Thanks to Mandy Carter for sourcing the signs, Ken Sullivan and Macca for putting them up.

There were a couple of other maintenance activities going on with the replacement of a water pump on the desalination plant and repair of another, connected to the water tank behind the equipment shed. Also, a couple of lights needed replacing in the club house and the self-closing door to the men's toilet repaired - AGAIN. A note to all the blokes in the club. If the door does not close, do not force it!

Joe Belli and Ray Morse have commenced painting the remaining 4 shelters on Green 2 and they will be roofed before pennant commences. As these ones are quite a distance apart, we do not plan to put shade cloth between them. If anyone has any ideas as to what we might do, please let me know.

Not strictly MMC related but you would also have noticed new guttering, down pipe and fascia replacement around the club house. All we are waiting on, is a painter to finish off the job and the club will be looking spic and span again. My thanks to Ray Morse for organising the contractors and presenting me with another challenge. 😊

The next main activity I will be looking at, is repairing some of the seating around the greens with a lot of the timbers needing replacement and a bit of painting. If anyone can help with sourcing of the timbers that would be a big help.

That's it for me, see you around the greens.
Geoff

Garden Guru

Hi everyone. April is here and at last we've had some rain. It's always tempting to slow down a little once the weather starts to cool. However, April is a top time of year to do some planting with the days still sunny and warm enough to help plants settle in.

Plant onion, chive, shallots, Chinese cabbage, spinach, peas, broad beans, carrots and beetroot.

Also, why not try parsnips, a forgotten vegetable. They have a lovely nutty flavour,

perfect for roasting or adding to soups and stews. Cultivate the soil to a depth of 40cm to provide ample room for root growth. Sow straight into the ground, spacing seeds out a little. They hate to be disturbed once shoots are visible. They will take between one to four weeks to germinate. Make sure seeds are fresh. If over 12 months old, throw out.

Spread a layer of mulch over where they are planted to retain moisture. When shoots are visible, mulch around with Lucerne or sugar cane to maintain moisture. This prevents roots from splitting. They will be ready about four months after sowing, but can be left in the ground until needed.

After harvesting, remove leaves so they don't draw moisture from the roots.

Now is the time to plant bulbs and corms, as well as flowers such as Aqualegia, California Poppy, Canterbury Bells, carnation, hollyhock, lackspur, lupin, nasturtium, poppies, pansy and stock.

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

Wally



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