

#### **From The Board** Hello Members

#### AGMs

The 2024 Club and Bowls Section AGMs were held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May and 75 members attended. Both meetings appeared to run pretty smoothly.

Neville Roper announced that he is retiring as the Bowls Section President and that Robert (Rob) Telling would be the new President. Rob spoke to members and raised a couple of issues that he would like to pursue with the Board, particularly the increasing average age of members and how this will potentially reduce the number of volunteers.

A big thank you goes to Neville for the dedication, hard work and time he has put in over the four years he was President, a very big job, very well done.

The Board would also like to thank Jackie MacKay who is retiring after five years as Tournament Manager. Well done Jackie! You deserve a well-earned rest!

The Club fees for 2024/25 are to remain the same (except for Social Members who will go from \$25 to \$30) as for 2023/24 and you will receive your Membership renewal in the next few days.



At the Club AGM two issues were raised in General Business:

- 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Parties Concern was raised regarding whether they were worthwhile considering the low cost of hiring the Club rooms and the associated risks (alcohol, security, liquor licence etc). There was agreement from some members regarding these concerns. The Board to review 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday parties.
- New Member Free 12 Month Membership - It was suggested that we charge a small fee (\$50) to cover admin costs if new members wish to continue membership after their completion of introductory coaching. This had been discussed at Board level and with the Bowls Committee and the majority of feedback was that we should continue with free 1<sup>st</sup> year membership.
- Sadly, Mandy Carter has retired after five years on the Board and we thank her for all the work she did whilst on the Board, especially looking after our

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> sponsors, recruiting new ones and the publication of the Year Book. She will be sorely missed for her dedication, hard work and enthusiasm. This leaves one vacancy on the Board which we will follow up asap. So, if you think you have the skills and the experience please speak to one of the Board members.

- Bar Manager At the May Board meeting the three Bar Manager nominations were discussed and Rob Telling was appointed as Manager for 2024/25. Thanks go to Bob Richardson for the last three years as Manager.
- Presentation & Caladenia Day Presentation Day (11th May) and Caladenia Day (27th April) were held recently when we were able to honour our Club Champions and support one of our long-time community partners (Caladenia Dementia Care). So well done to the Bowls Section and Tournament Committee for two successful days.



#### Access Cards

Our security data base needs updating, therefore could members please contact Geoff Bull so he can bring it up to date. For those members who have either lost or do not have a Club door access card could you please see Geoff. This will also help with improving Club security as we will keep the front door locked for as much as possible and you will need your card. Hope to see you at the Club. Board of Management –May 2024

#### Tournament

If you've not seen me around recently, it's due to having had 2 operations, one in March and another in May, that have restricted me and mean no bowling for a while yet unfortunately.

But it didn't stop me from attending Presentation Day on 11/5/24. We had 67 members and guests in attendance with 53 players enjoying 2 fun games of 8 end 2B triples with power plays and lucky draws at the end. Every team had an allocated skip and 3rds and Leads were via stick draw. I love stick draws, as although they may be slightly more effort, it really mixes people up and our newer players get to play with some great



skips. Thanks to everyone for entering and making the day such a success.

The most anticipated part of the day was Coach Henny's MVP (Most Valuable Player) awards. The overall winner was **Rick Bennett** from (Side 1), Peter Rawlingson (Side 2), Trevor Ford (Side 3), Lorraine Hampton (Side 4), Gary Lee (Side 5), Coral Timewell (Side 6), Tony McDonald (Side 7). Any winners not present on the day, can see the Tournament Manager for their awards. All championship/presentation photos are on the website under the GALLERY dropdown button.

Thank you to everyone for their support, suggestions and feedback over my past five vears Tournament as Manager. Unless there is a surprise at the AGM, I will be leaving the Tournament Committee in the capable hands of David Scott. Please give him all your support. But rest assured - I won't be twiddling my thumbs. I still have the website and Facebook to keep up to date, as well as the global emails that go out occasionally. If anyone isn't getting them. email please me at mooroolbarkmembers@gmail.com and

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I'll ensure you're added to the email database. Good bowling everyone. Jackie Most Valuabla Playar Awards

### Most Valuable Player Awards

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BENNETT R	1	1
LIMB F	1	2
CAMERON L	1	3
RAWLINGSON P	2	1
HOLOWIUK B	2	2
SMITH G	2	3
FORD T	3	1
BROWN P	3	2
BOSLEY T	3	3
HAMPTON L	4	1
WATSON M	4	2
GARDEN P	4	3
KELLY T	4	3
LEE G	5	1
BAKER Ju	5	2
BURTON J	5	3
TIMEWELL C	6	1
PAULO M	6	2
JOHNSTON N	6	3
MCDONALD T	7	1
MACDONALD A	7	2
HILLARD D	7	3
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## Most Valuable Players & Awards







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#### **New Members**

James Gray, Emma Lorenz, Geoff Herbert, Bill Robinson.

#### **Sunshine Lady**

Cards were sent to: McKenzie Family - Sympathy Tony West - Get Well Marg Enright -80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

#### **Lost Broach**

Phyliss Scott has lost a gold angel broach either at Mooroolbark or Chirnside Park Bowls Clubs. Please contact Phyllis if you have found this. It has sentimental value.

#### \$1000 Draw

This will resume in September. If you don't want to stay in, please let me know asap, so I can allocate your number to the waiting list. I would prefer people to pay \$140 upfront, so I do not have to chase up each month. The September draw is on the notice board near the bingo machine.

Cheers. Bob Richardson

## **Sunday Function**

#### Hi All,

What can I say. Another successful day with yet another band whom we have not had before. They were The Teenagers and gosh, they did not disappoint. We had quite a few people pull out due to sickness. I guess we must accept that, given we are about to go into Winter. Thank You to my two Bar volunteers – Gary Roberts and Peter Laird. I really appreciated your help. Also, thank you everyone who attended and let's have a great June day next month. A big thank you to my family Ash, Kylie and Pete for setting up the room for me. Cheers. Gayle









#### **Monday Morning Crew**

From a MMC perspective it has been rather quiet on the gardening front, especially with the colder weather, although it does not seem to make much difference to the weeds that just keep on keeping on. Marg Tull and Wally Barnes have been doing a great job removing the grass and weeds from the tiles in front of the shelters, Joe Belli is getting on top of painting the shelters, while Ken Sullivan is working on re-securing the timbers on the seats and getting them ready for Joe to paint. If you would like to come down and lend a hand with some of the painting, it would be most appreciated.

You would have also noticed some of the facia boards, gutters and downpipes have also been replaced and painted. What has not been obvious is the amount of work around the back of the club with the shelter over the BBQ and the breezeway being rebuilt and new roofing. I think it has come up quite well.

That's about all for this month. Geoff

#### Garden Guru

Hi everyone, you can plant potatoes now. Try starting them off indoors in trays or pots. This is called *chitting* (ch not sh).



If you plant outside now, they will stay dormant until August, giving you a head start. Buy certified seed potatoes guaranteed fungus free. Try Coliban (my favourite), Dutch Cream, Kennebec, Nicola, Sebago or Red Pontiac. Plants are best grown in full sun, with loose well drained soil, enriched with organic matter. Make trenches 25 cm wide and 20 cm deep, piling up excess soil at the sides. Allow 60-75 cm between tranches. Place potatoes 25-30 cm apart and backfill with about 10 cm of soil. Water in well. Add a slow-release fertiliser when seedlings are 5-10 cm tall. Apply liquid fertiliser when flowers appear.

When plants are 15 cm high, add more soil around stems, leaving the top leaves exposed. As plants grow, keep adding soil around the stems. For full-sized potatoes, wait until foliage has died back and just harvest a few plants at a time. Keep in cool, dark-ventilated space. Do not eat potatoes with green skin, as they may be poisonous.

Sow seeds of Brussel sprouts, cabbage, broad beans, carrots, garlic, early onion, rhubarb, shallots and snow peas. Snow peas are \$34 a kilo in supermarkets at present, so make sure you grow some.

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

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# A Beautiful card that Barrie received after his snake bite!





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