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## From The Board

Hello Members

You will have noticed that the Club is now back to its busy time of year with all our travellers and Pennant players back, so welcome back as we look forward to another exciting and hopefully successful season.

Further to the cancelling of Opening Day due to inclement weather, we were very pleased that Aaron Violi (our Federal Member) was able to attend our last Pennant practice and Pizza night on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Aaron presented us with an Australian flag, and we fed him pizza, a good swap all round. Doug Agnew from Agturf (our greens contractor) was also in attendance and gave us a very informative report on the state of the greens and what we can expect during the Pennant season. Thanks Doug.

Most of you will have received your copy of the Yearbook, but if not, please see Lorraine Hampton or Mandy Carter. Thanks to Lorraine and Mandy for getting the book ready and published and all the other contributors for helping with the book. Please note that if your contact details have changed from what is in the book, please let Geoff Lade our Membership Secretary know.

The option of paying green fees (cash will always be an option) by EFTPOS is currently being trialed at Tuesday Pennant and like all new things, there are a few teething issues, but nothing that can't be resolved.

Following the recent very well-run First Aid course, the list of qualified First Aid members will be updated. The list is displayed on the First Aid cabinet in the front office.

With two new Directors (Richard Doherty and Nigel Stone) being appointed to the Board, there has been some changing of portfolios. The Board Organisation chart on the noticeboard will be updated to show these in the next few days. More information will be provided on the upcoming Members Information Night (see separate article in this Barkers Byte).

Jackie MacKay our Webmaster will be updating the Club website over the next few weeks, which will include a dedicated "Bowls Button" for all bowls related matters. So, if you have any good ideas, please contact Jackie before November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Take care and see you at the Club.

Board of Management—October 2024

## MEMBERS' INFORMATION NIGHT

All members are invited to an information night with the Board of Management and Bowls Committee on Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 in the Clubrooms. There will be a free sausage sizzle at 6.00 following bowls practice.

So, if you just want an update on what is happening at the Club, have any questions or want to put a face to a name then this is your opportunity.

Hope to see you there.

Board of Management, Bowls Committee

## MBC REVITALISED SOCIAL COMMITTEE

**Word has got around and let me announce that the rumours are true. A new revitalised social committee is determined to make our Club your happening social destination. Event planning is already underway with Nigel Stone, Mandy Carter and Clive Thomas spearheading the way. Watch this space!!**

**Bistro November 30<sup>th</sup> after Pennant-More news on this later**



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## Membership Books

Membership Books 24/25 have arrived.

A huge Thank you to Lorraine Hampton who took over the preparation of this year's Membership Book.

This little book of information is not organised overnight and takes a few months of editing for the next Pennant season.

Please collect your booklet from Lorraine and give her a big smile 😊 for a job well done!

Note the following changes in the Membership Book:

Michael Firth's mobile number is 0467929406.

Phyllis Scott has dropped her land line and now has a mobile number 0403 413 651

Peter Rawlingson's phone number is 0455 505 779

Please adjust a misprint in the book on page 17, 18 and top of page 21. It should read October, not November.

Jim/Mandy

## Red Envelopes

These are currently being handed out with the ICE form inside. The red envelope needs to go into your bowl's bag and the red key tag to be placed on the outside of your bag to identify who it belongs to in case of emergencies.

Rob T

## Tournament Committee

Our Novice Competition has come to an end. We had 14 members playing a round robin with the top four, Geoff Herbert, Clive Thomas, Paul Molden & Miles Probert playing off in semi-finals, with the overall winner being Miles Probert. We required 7 markers each night and I would like to

thank all markers who assisted in this event, being: Judy Baker, Steve Rawlingson, Joy Pears, Gary Lee, Helen Scott, Gary Smith, David Cowan, Jackie MacKay, Rob Telling and Gary Roberts. Without their help this event could not have been possible.

The President's Handicap has now commenced and the Men's and Ladies' pairs begin on 20th October. We have 18 Men's teams playing knockout and 5 Ladies' teams playing a round robin event. Special thanks to the markers for the President's handicap, namely Helena Blundell, Bill Hollowick, Helen Scott, Judy Baker and Pat Garden. Singles Events are very hard to run without the support of members.

Oaks Day is on Thursday 7th October, we currently have 16 teams and are hoping for a few more entries. This event is sponsored by St John's Rise. Please try to find a team or make yourself available as an emergency.

Upcoming events are our Handicap, now started, Minor Singles and our Men's and Ladies' Singles, again more entries are needed. As with any singles event markers are essential, so if you are not playing, please make yourself available to mark on the first day of the events.

Good Luck and Good Bowling! David Scott Tournament Committee

## COACHES CORNER

### Coaching Strategies and Drills

Members who have practised the Drills at Mooroolbark, set up each Monday at 2.30pm by Gerry Allen and Frank Hargreaves, have reported how much they enjoyed the practice, and skills training.

In practice, (playing against yourself), and managing an honest score of 50% of your bowls within half a mat length, on a 14 sec green, you are doing very well. On our synthetic green, 50% would be an excellent result as it is a faster green. The faster the green, the harder it is to get close.



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In Pennant, there is another person, (your immediate opponent) to contend with. This often creates a hazard for following bowlers; especially if you are not bowling well or are one sided. Skippers often want you to stay on the side you may favour, or the side you bowled your first bowl. Because a bowler can still get bowls in the head, even if they hit the other's bowl when it is in the head. This is not a selfish call by the Skip, but one based on building a head and recognizing that their lead will be confident on line and weight, because they have just played on that hand. To be second shot is good value, because the risk of losing a multiple has been reduced considerably. Also, it provides opportunities for following players to use the close bowls, meaning your Skip may get an advantage by removing the opposition's close or shot bowl.

Bowls in the head is the name of this game, and not only between the ears! A good set of bowls practice drills is provided in "LAWN BOWLS DRILL APP." This app also provides for you to mark yourself. Good bowling!

Article by Gerry Allen & Jim Hampton

### Mooroolbark Coach – Henny Cortenbach

A coaching agreement has been signed to reappoint Henny for 2024-25. Henny has coached Mooroolbark to two Division One Pennants in 2020 and 2024. We wish him every success.

Henny's determination at bowling has been replicated in recovering from his serious motor-cycle injuries this year. He has been coaching since September this year.

All members should recognize the coaching skills demonstrated and take advantage of sessions on Monday, Thursday, Saturday and Sundays (by appointment).

It does not matter how small the issue is! Or the bowls don't do what you want, call Henny on 0418530247 or email [cortencall@gmail.com](mailto:cortencall@gmail.com).

Henny is the club coach for all members in all the Pennant teams. Take the opportunity to improve—it is cost free to you. Help the Club and get yourself promoted by asking, listening, practising and demonstrating your skills with Henny or any of our 8 other coaches!

Henny is a great coach so use him!!

Jim Hampton

### Henny's Tips

Just going on from last month, can I just advise that there are 10 things for our Thirds to be aware of:

Thirds
1. Be able to draw shot, so practise drawing in all conditions & scenarios
2. Have a good knowledge of the laws of the game.....stuff happens
3. Try and develop a working/talking relationship with Skip
4. When in charge of head, BE in charge of head
5. Answer Skip's questions accurately and quickly
6. Try not to be the Skip
7. Draw the shot or play the tactical bowl if holding
8. Create a positive environment with Lead & 2 <sup>nd</sup>
9. Be able to play all the shots, even the drive if necessary
10. Measure, Measure, Measure (unless if the opposition looks like they have the shot)

Cheers Henny



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### Sunshine Lady

Cards were sent to:

Barrie Browne – Get Well

Family of June Simmons – Sympathy

Guenther Ebenwaldner – Get Well

(Barrie returned home on Sunday)

### \$1000 Draw

The October winner of the \$1000 draw was Jo Nyhuis who bought an unpaid number on the night. November draw is now open. The cut-off is the 27<sup>th</sup> and the draw is on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Rules of the game – Monies not paid by cut-off date (normally 2 days before the draw) can and will be sold off on the night. Bob R

### New Members

We welcome to the Club

Sue Lawson

Bec Annells

Vanessa Lewis

Greg Lewis

### Sunday Night Gig

Hello to all,

We had yet another very successful live band gig on Sunday. We had SMC Trio performing and they were terrific. It was so lovely to see some familiar faces again. These live band gigs never fail and thank you to everyone who comes and makes them a success. A lot of smiling faces in the photos. Thank you

to the volunteers who ran the bar. It would not be possible without you. Thank you to the hard-working helpers who set the room up for the gig. Looking forward to our November gig. Hopefully you will all register and come along and see The Teenagers, 60s and 70s music. Cheers Gayle







**On our start of season Pizza night, Aaron Violi, the member for Casey in Federal Parliament attended Mooroolbark Bowls Club. Thank You Aaron.**



**Beryl's bowl was finally found last Monday after 3 years. It had rolled out of Ken Tripp's car previously and made its way into a drain at the opposite end of the clubhouse.**



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## November Sunday Night Gig

A poster for a performance by 'The Teenagers'. The text 'GET READY TO ROCK' is at the top. Below it, '60's,70's,80's Classic Rock AT IT'S BEST!' is written. The central image shows three band members: a guitarist, a bassist, and a drummer. The word 'TEENAGERS' is written vertically on the left. At the bottom, it says 'SUNDAY 24th NOV Mooroolbark Bowls Club ON STAGE 2-5 PM'. Contact information: '170 Hull Rd, Mooroolbark, For Bookings contact Gayle 0415 554 016'. Entry fee: '\$10 Entry Payable at Door BYO - Food &amp; Nibbles'.

## A Bowling Star

Twinkle, twinkle little star  
There I saw you, from afar  
Standing there, preparing your final shot  
Your team with heads down, not a pretty lot  
Then hushed silenced, from watching crowd  
But as you bowled, they roared out loud  
For you had played, a miracle shot  
You had scored and changed a lot!  
No longer was it bums displayed  
For their dignity, you had saved!

Anonymous

The initials are JB, not me though!  
Gee, we have poets in our midst.





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## Garden Guru

Hi everyone. Spring is in full swing, with bulbs in bloom and fresh growth everywhere. Now is the time to get a variety of seeds in the ground and with plenty of options available, your garden will be set for a steady harvest through Summer.

Virtually all warm season herbs can be sown in October. Many herbs can do double duties as companion plants, their flowers attracting bees and butterflies, as do French Marigolds and Nasturtiums. Plant them along borders of vegie gardens, in pots or between ornamental plants to provide fragrance and nectar in the garden, as well as flavour in the kitchen.

For vegies, now is the time to sow everything from tomatoes and zucchini to beans and corn. These sun-loving crops thrive in warmer weather, making Spring planting crucial to a beautiful harvest, come Summer.

Succession planting lettuce and spinach for your summer salads is a must. Continue sowing annuals as companions in the vegie garden for cut flowers through Summer, or just to provide colour during the Summer months.

Resist the urge to cut back foliage on daffodils, until completely yellow. (I don't do it), but that is the way to go, so do as I say, not as I do.

Flowers to plant now: Ageratum, Aster, Begonia, Celosia, Clematis, Cineraria, Cleome, Dahlia, Oriental Poppy, Petunia, Phlox, Salvia, Statice, Sunflower and Verbena.

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

## JR AIR CONDITIONING

**JR Air Conditioning is owned by a local couple from Mooroolbark, Jared and Larissa Rawlings.**

**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 you different prices to work within your budget.**

**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. Ensure you mention you're from the Bowls Club!**

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