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## From The Board

Hello Members

Over the last four weeks we have hosted our annual Corporate Challenge and similar to previous years it has been very successful. The feedback from our visitors was very positive. To organise an event of this size takes a tremendous amount of work so on behalf of all members we congratulate Robbie Telling and his team (sponsors, rink attendants, bar staff, sausage sizzle, kitchen staff and all the other helpers) and we look forward to next year's event.

Our new Social Committee has been busy arranging various events for the next couple of months (Trivia Night, Curry Night, Cards and more fishing trips), see the flyers around the Club and on our Facebook page for details. This is great to see and something the members are very appreciative of. So, the more members that attend these events (and give their feedback) will encourage the Committee to come up with and arrange new and exciting events.

A reminder to all members that our sponsors are a vital part of our Club and in these tough economic times any help we can give them is greatly appreciated. So please remember to consider them when looking for prices and quotes for your real estate and projects and let them know you are from Mooroolbark Bowls Club.

If any suitable members are still interested in putting in an E.O.I (see January Barkers Byte) for the upcoming vacant Board Positions, please contact Eric Atkinson or any of the current Board members. Formal nominations will be called in early April.

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March we will have a stall at the Celebrate Mooroolbark Festival. Over the next few weeks, we will be asking for volunteers to help on the stall.

Congratulations to all our pennant teams who made the finals especially Mid-Week pennant who had four teams in the first finals round. Unfortunately, last Saturday & Sunday finals had to be cancelled due to it being a Total Fire Ban.

On a sad note, we said goodbye last week to one of our long time members, Alby Ballard who passed away in Mid-February. We will miss Alby who was always willing to pass on his "tomato growing" tips and supply us with his secret plant food. We send our condolences to Alby's family. Take care and see you at the Club

Board of Management–February 2025

## Tournament Committee

Hi all, the Pennant season is over for many of us, with a few lucky teams earning their way into the finals. There is one final Club Championship due to get underway - the Betty & David Howe Mixed Pairs. This starts on Thursday 3rd April at 6pm and plays each Thursday night until completed. Ladies, find yourself a male bowls partner and put your names on the entry form, which will be on the wall by the time you read this.

The 100 up finishes on Sunday 6th April. Unfortunately, there were only four Ladies entered and reasonably low numbers for the Men (13). We would like these events to continue as Men's and Ladies, however there may come a time when it will need to be combined, due to such low numbers. Please consider entering this Event next year.

We have had some exciting finishes to some matches, in the 100 up. There were three matches at least where both players could have won the game on the final end. Rick Bennett and Gary Smith reached 100 all and had to play another end to decide the winner. In the final of the Handicap 4s Tom Kelly, David Arnott, Beryl Turner & Peter Taylor played Rick Bennett,



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Doug Stevens, Craig Balbour & Miles Probert. At end 17 of 18, the scores were tied with Rick's team winning the match.

The handicap championships are designed to give all players a chance to play with better players within the club, please consider your options next year.

I would sincerely like to thank all the members who have assisted me in running events and Championships this season from manning the bar, setting up the greens, setting the tables, working in the kitchen, supplying the meals, serving the meals, cleaning up after us and especially those who marked the singles events. Not to mention those who supported and watched the players in their events.

A final request for this season is for one or two members to assist (support) in manning the table selling raffle tickets, under the guidance of the Tournament Committee, the morning of the Classic - 10th March and the morning of Caladenia Day 26th April. Please let me know if you can assist.

David Scott Tournament Manager

### Most Valuable Pennant Players

The votes & scores are in for the 2024-25 Most Valuable Pennant Players. Results and prizes will be announced on Presentation Day, but rest assured the final results will be well worth waiting for and with more than a surprise or two.

See you all then. Henny

### New Members

We welcome: Gary Robbins, Nick Casemore, Janice Wilson, Alan Arnold, Steve Gough, Mike Wale, Murray Robertson, Vanessa Reali, RonSwatek, Gordon East

### Sunshine Lady

Cards were sent to:

Helen (Alby Ballard) – Sympathy

Doug Agnew - Sympathy (Hawthorn Agnew)

TJ Renkema – Thinking of You

**Congratulations to Dave and Pam Hillard on their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!**

### \$1000 Draw

**The monthly draw runs for 7 months – September to March.**

**You have one in 100 chances of winning!**

**The draw is held on the last Friday of the month with a deadline payment due by the Wednesday prior.**

**You do not have to be present to collect winnings, you will be notified by text or phone call.**

**Any UNPAID numbers will be sold off on draw night by 6pm.**

**If it is your (unpaid) number that is sold on the night you have NO rights to the winnings, only the person who paid is the winner.**

**\$20 per number per month OR preferably \$140 for the term up front. (Beneficial if you are going away for some time).**

**Bob Richardson 0407 354 054**



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### Jellis Craig

On Friday 7th February, Regina Atkinson and Patrick Donker from Jellis Craig presented us with a cheque for \$600 for the sale of one of our members property.

So, if you are thinking of selling your place then please contact either Regina or Patrick and they will donate \$600 to the Club for each successful sale.



Long time member Jack Balcombe announced he has played his final pennant game on Saturday 15 Feb 2025.

Jack, aged 96, is a foundation member of Mooroolbark Bowls Club, and has played 675 pennant games during his time at the club.

Jack will still be active at the club, and says he'll continue playing socially.



**Jack Balcombe**





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### Corporate Challenge

**Congratulations to the team 'Other Brothers' who were very excited with their win. Runners up D J Baker. Many thanks to Priceline Mooroolbark for their support.**



### Card Night Thursdays 6.00



### Monday Morning Crew

It's all been relatively quiet this month, apart from the usual weeding, pruning and mulching. The main maintenance activities have been the replacement of two fluorescent lights in the kitchen and replacing the flood light above the Desalination shed door. Our nice new security door at the Southern end of the club house has been painted and there is ongoing repair and painting of the benches around the greens. One of the next things that need addressing is the repairing of the rink markers and numbers around the greens. I also need to have a look at repairing a crack in the water tank behind the equipment shed. Any ideas or suggestions, let me know. **Geoff**

## Upcoming Social Events



Due to a number of people at the club asking for another **Fishing Trip** we have come up with these 2 options for Mid-March. For those who are interested please text. Leave your Name, Phone Number and which trip you prefer to go on. Clive Thomas on Mob.0400 963 433

### Option 1

#### Sharkmen Fishing Charters

Tuna and Kingfish (deep waters) 8 persons only, can arrange another boat if we get more  
Deep waters is a 6 hour trip  
**COST: \$300 EACH**

OR

Port Phillip Bay is a 5-hour trip  
Fishing For Snapper squid, and whiting  
**COST: \$200 EACH**

### Option 2

#### Second Fishing Charters (gotta love fishing!)

Port Phillip Bay is a 5-hour trip  
Fishing for King George whiting  
**Cost \$150 Each**  
For 8 people x 2 Boats (16 people in total)

- *Transport: will be car share to try and keep the cost down or Bus is an option (extra \$\$\$)*
- *All members to pay in full before booking is done*



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COMING SOON  
MOOROOLBARK  
BOWLS CLUB  
CURRY NIGHT 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

For those who like spicy food (Ranging from mild to hot), gourmet curry Including Indian, Japanese, Sri Lankan and Thai curries.

DATE: *Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March*

TIME: 6.30PM

The meal will include: ENTRÉE AND MAIN

Including pappadams, Naan bread and assorted rice

COST: \$30 EACH

Something different to tantalize your taste buds. Further information will be provided shortly so keep your eyes open for the notice and make sure your name is on the attendance list for catering purposes.

Volunteers will be needed to help serve and help in the kitchen on the night.

Meal will be provided free of charge for volunteers.







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## Sunday Live Band Gig

Hello all,

We had another very successful day last Sunday with the live band gig. On average about 20 no shows. The band, Crash the Party were just excellent. We received so much great feedback. Thank you to the small number of members who came on the day. Thank you to Nigel's team for setting up the room. Thank you to Jen, Billy and Warwick for doing the bar. You always work so hard! Thank you to Helen Fellows and Marg Tull for helping with the clean up at the end. If I have missed anyone, I am sorry. Please see the new flyer for March. It's also on the website. Thank you. Gayle



**JUMP THE SHARK**

**JUMP & SWING**

Jump the Shark is a 4 piece band playing Jump Blues & Swing Music  
Dance Tunes covering Swing, Blues/Jazz & Boogie Woogie.  
Guitar/Vocals-Mick Gibbs/Tenor Sax-Brian Strafford/Bass-Ian Bertram/Drums' David Richardson

**PERFORMING LIVE**  
Mooroolbark Bowls Club  
March 23, 2025  
2pm until 5pm  
Entry \$10



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Hi everyone,

February offers the perfect opportunity to plan for a thriving Autumn in your garden. It's all about keeping your summer garden productive while setting the stage for the next season of growth.

Take time to enjoy harvesting tomatoes, zucchinis, cucumbers and beans at their peak. Regular picking not only ensures the best flavours but also encourages plants to keep producing.

While the summer heat lingers on, it's important to water deeply in the early morning or dusk to minimise evaporation.

Now is the time to plan your cool season veggie garden. Start seeds for broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower and kale, or prepare your soil for direct planting later this month.

Also, start planning where to plant bulbs e.g. daffodils, tulips and hyacinths at the end of the month. Watch out for powdery mildew on zucchinis, pumpkin and cucumbers. If present, spray with a lime sulphur product.

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