



# NEWSLETTER

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### HELP US GET MORE MEMBERS

**A**s you are aware, we have lost a number of members over the last couple of years for various reasons, and it is important for the club to survive and thrive that we maintain a sustainable membership level.

In other words, we need as many new members as we can as soon as we can, whether they be new bowlers or people transferring from other clubs, and we've set several things in motion with that in mind, and you'll find fuller details of these elsewhere in the newsletter.

We need to get people into the club and playing bowls, and then convert them to members.

All of us can play our part. Do you know someone who might want to take up the game? Do you know someone from another club who's expressed an interest in coming here?

Remember, their first 12 months membership is free, and this now includes transferring members, whose transfer fees will also be paid by us.

As an incentive to help, any member, regardless of their club membership category, will receive a \$50 voucher for every new member they recruit. (That's a genuine recruitment, not signing the form of someone who walks in off the street!).

**Alistair Smith, Executive Director.**

### "Friendship through Bowls"

<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:</b>	Alistair Smith
<b>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:</b>	Dennis Kimberley
<b>FINANCIAL DIRECTOR:</b>	John Corn
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS :</b>	Andrew Pryor, Barbara Keenan
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**H**i bowlers. With the pennant season approaching it is now time for the game in Victoria) to be our best when the competition starts.

Make sure you get your names down for the practice games on the sheets provided for both Saturday and Tuesday pennant.

With more people working on Saturdays and competing interests our club needs to move with the times and embrace new technology like our new digital scoreboards, making more use of our facilities like bowling with bubs, like making our club look more inviting and being more inviting. These and many other measures are being put in place by our board. So it is up to us members to back up our board and move forward embracing new technology and new ideas.

On a competitive bowling note in the recent past I've had meetings with Lachlan Tighe (International Coach) and "Shuey"(four-time world champion, previous Australian coach and now head coach at Kawana). The question I posed to both of these coaches was we have a division 2 side, opposition has a division 2 side and we are told to get 2 bowls in the head as early as possible and to get bowls preferably within a mat length of the jack and our opposition has been told to do exactly the same doesn't the result of the game depend on which side has the best singles players. The answer from these coaches was yes, that is the way most clubs play. Then the obvious question was how do you beat a side with better singles players than we have. The answer from both coaches was you have a better game plan. We will have a pennant players meeting in the near future to explain a much better game plan.

**Doug Clarke**  
President, Bowls committee



**Left:** Ron Hurley's wife, Julie, unveiling the Memorial marker on No. 2 green. **Centre:** Alistair Smith lays flowers. **Right:** Julie and John Rouse.

# VALE RON HURLEY

It is with deep regret that the club records the passing of our foundation member, inaugural president and life member, **Ron Hurley**, at the age of 73, after receiving severe head injuries in a fall at Southern Cross station while leaving a match involving his beloved Richmond Football Club.

Ron was involved in the club for 37 years—attending the first ever public meeting that raised the possibility of a bowls club being formed in Bayswater, where he was the second person to sign up for membership behind his father Bill. Ron was a driving force behind the formation and building of the club which he served faithfully in many capacities, including seven years as president, eight years as treasurer/finance director, and four years as executive secretary.

He also served the Knox Community in many volunteer capacities over many years, including kindergarten and school committees, scouts, cricket, football and netball clubs, frequently, because of his background in banking, acting as treasurer for these organisations.

It was fitting therefore that the Board agreed to a suggestion by member John Rouse, himself also heavily involved in that early phase, that there should be a permanent recognition of Ron's services and it was agreed that the No 2 green—the first green to be built—should be named **The Ron Hurley Memorial Green**.

This marker was unveiled at a dedication ceremony on August 14, attended by members of Ron's family, Knox Mayor Jake Keogh and a large representation of club members.

Our condolences are offered to his wife of 54 years, Julie, sons Cameron and Shaun (the three of them also having been members of the club at times), daughters Joanne and Lauren and his 11 grandchildren.

We would also like to pay tribute to Ron's brother Leo, a 30-year member of the club who had moved to Echuca in recent years and who passed away only two weeks before Ron's accident.

# WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

We've been in discussions with the Early Childhood Hub about such things as the "Bowling with Babies" initiative of BowsVic, and other possible events or links that we might try.

Together with this and the prospect of having younger people taking part in our "raise money for your club" challenge, then we need as many people as possible to have Working with Children Checks. This is a simple process that takes about ten minutes online, where you'll need to supply identity details such as passport, driver's licence or Medicare cards. Describe yourself as a volunteer coach with Bayswater Bowls Club, and that makes it free. When cleared, you'll get an email to take to the post office where you get your photograph taken. Simple.

If you are not a computer person, then we can do it with you on the club computer.

We also need to know which members already have a check. Talk to Alistair.

## **"Access Pathway" and other projects**

As you know, Knox Council has agreed to construct an "access pathway" (disability or wheelchair ramp) which will lead from the front car park, in front to the existing disabled parking spots, in a zigzag to reach the bank near the bottom of the steps. Designs have yet to be finalised and a contractor appointed, but early indications are that work will commence in December with a view to finishing the project in January.

We have also obtained funding towards an upgrade of the kitchen, and also towards our security system. More of that later.

## **MEMBERS DRAW**

Thursdays at 6.30pm is **THE** time to be at the club, because that's when a member's draw will be held, commencing the first Thursday in September. That's the 5<sup>th</sup>. The weekly prize is \$50, but you have to be at the club in person when it is drawn to collect the money. If not won it will continue to jackpot at the rate of \$50 per week until it goes off.

So come along to happy hour, have a bit of practice, get involved with corporate bowls, or whatever. Just be there.

## **BOWLETT**

<b>July 13</b>	<b>July 20</b>	<b>July 27</b>	<b>August 3</b>	<b>August 10</b>
1 L Ruddock 7 G White	39 B Ruddock 14 J Lyne	8 M Hodgkisson 5 J Corn	25 E Southward 27 B Milford	11 A Crawford 45 J Crook

# \$2000 UP FOR GRABS!

In an effort to get more people trying bowls, we are organising a tournament where Knox-based clubs and organisations can win significant cash prizes to go towards their club or cause. Teams will comprise three players who are not registered bowlers, but they will be allowed a mentor who is a bowler to assist them. For those who don't have anyone the club will help out. We'll give them the chance to practice beforehand. The event will be held on Sunday, October 13, and prizes will be \$1000 for the winner, \$500 for the runner up, 2 x Finalists will get \$250 each. Entry is free. We will start promoting it early in September. So, if you know of a club or charity group who might be interested, let them know about it. More details from **Alistair Smith**, 0417 118 155.

## **Do You Know the Club Constitution, By-Laws and Laws of Bowls?**

(Over the next months we will discuss some)

### **Borrowing Club Property: A Club By-Law**

Members are able to borrow Club property.

Permission **must first** be obtained from the person who is in charge of the equipment, and should be returned as soon as possible.

The BORROWING CLUB EQUIPMENT FORM, is to be left on the Executive Secretary's clip in the office with borrower's name and signature, date, what is being borrowed and the date it will be returned and signature of the person responsible for that equipment.

This and other forms can be found in the red folder on the shelves in the foyer.

In respect of new members borrowing bowls, the Executive Committee have determined that the bowls may be borrowed for a period which allows the new member to determine the make and model of bowl they wish to purchase.

Nominated 'Persons in Charge of Equipment' are:

Bowls and bowls equipment:	Carl Boltwood
Maintenance/gardening equipment:	John Rouse
Club Room Equipment:	Alistair Smith
Kitchen Equipment	Jane Corn

**Dennis Kimberley**  
**Executive Secretary**

## From the Bowls Coordinator's Desk

I hope everyone is not enjoying this very cold winter we are now enduring, there is one good thing that will come out this at least in a couple of months the weather is supposed to change to much more enjoyable warmer weather, so cross your fingers and pray for the better. Those that have partaken in social bowls so far this year are enjoying 2-4-2 nominated pairs on Saturdays and 3 bowl nominated triples on Wednesdays.

As we draw nearer to Pennant Season Saturdays will revert back to 3 bowl nominated triples sometimes with a difference e.g. could be nominated skippers and leads with seconds drawn from the barrel. I am open to suggestions so come and see me or email me; my email address is in the yellow book.

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### AFL GRAND FINAL EVE TOURNAMENT

The AFL Grand Final Eve Tournament is on again this year and at the time of writing we have 15 teams nominated already, so if you are going to enter a team don't delay as with the good prize money on offer teams from other clubs will enter nearer the time, at the moment BBC teams will be restricted to 9 teams and if the desired number of teams from other clubs do not fill all spots then BBC teams will fill vacancies.

**REMEMBER THOUGH YOU MUST STILL ENTER A TEAM TO BE IN THE DRAW. FIRST 9 TEAMS TO ENTER ARE AUTOMATICALLY ACCEPTED.**

**I AM LOOKING FOR HELP ON THE DAY SO, IF CAN MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE PLEASE LET ME KNOW. DATE IS FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER.**

**Yours in Bowls. Carl Boltwood, Bowls Coordinator.**

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#### **Monday morning working bee**

A reminder to all members that volunteers are urgently needed to help on the Monday morning working bee. With many members away and some not to well at this time more people are required to get the many jobs done that are required to keep the club up to scratch. You will be rewarded with morning tea and good company.

#### **DARTS**

Chris Powell and his darts team, The Muppets, competing in the Eastern Suburbs Combined Club darts league, at the time of writing were several games clear and a certainty to play finals. Come and see how they go. They'll be playing at home at the club on September 12. The bar will be open.

## **CORPORATE CAPERS @ BAYSWATER BOWLS CLUB**

We're inviting local businesses to enter a team in what we're billing as an "exciting fun-filled challenge," on Thursday evenings commencing September 12. Teams comprise a minimum of three players and each game will last approximately 1½ hours. Club members will provide mentoring and tuition for players who have no bowls experience. The games will be under Jack Attack rules.

We'll be charging members' prices at the bar and selling snags for \$1. If you know of a business that might be interested, then let Andy Pryor know on 0421 320 736 or [andy.pryor@hotmail.com](mailto:andy.pryor@hotmail.com). Flyers are available if you want to leave one somewhere.

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### **ALMONER**

Our club almoner, appointed by the Board, exists to offer club support and comfort to members who are sick or going through a rough patch and are in need of help.

However, the almoner cannot do that unless they are aware that someone is ill or in need of assistance, so please, whenever you hear of a member in that situation let the almoner know.

Our current almoner is:

**Rachelle Gibbs**

Phone: 0402 771 812

Email: [rachelle.gibbs@hotmail.com](mailto:rachelle.gibbs@hotmail.com)

### **GROUP EXERCISE CLASSES FOR OLDER ADULTS**

Every Friday morning at 9:30 am & 10:15 am.

Classes run for 45 minutes and are held in our club rooms.

Please arrive 15 minutes early to fill in a pre-exercise screening form.



Sessions are run by **Lisa Rouse**, a fully qualified personal trainer/group fitness instructor.

If you require more information please contact

Lisa on 0412 323 556

### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Adam Buxton, Betty Durdin, Chris Lovelock, Maggie Smith, Sharon Gibbs, Noel Bosch, Rachelle Gibbs, Tony Villanni, Miriam Morton.

# SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS

<b>Wednesday July 24</b>		<b>3 Bowl Triples</b>
2 Game Winners:	J Sutcliffe, A Huntley, T Buckingham.	
1 Game Winners:	J Pumphrey, M Hollard, N Bosch.	
<b>Saturday July 27</b>		<b>2 x 4 x 2 Pairs</b>
2 Game Winners:	L Ham, A Pryor.	
1 Game Winners:	J Sutcliffe, S Pastoors.	
<b>Wednesday July 30</b>		<b>3 Bowl Triples</b>
2 Game Winners:	A Taylor, W Gear, R Wheeler.	
1 Game Winners:	B Power, M Hollard, N Bosch.	
<b>Saturday August 3</b>		<b>2 x 4 x 2 Pairs</b>
2 Game Winners:	S Gibbs, H Lee.	
1 Game Winners:	D Ferguson, J Ravatsos.	
<b>Wednesday August 7</b>		<b>3 Bowl Triples</b>
2 Game Winners:	B Smith, D Kimberley, R Southward.	
1 Game Winners:	A Taylor, R Wheeler, W Gear.	

## Saturday Pennant Practice Matches

The dates and venues for Saturday Pennant Practice matches are as follows:

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Bayswater Vs Eastwood Golf at Bayswater (2 teams needed)

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 14<sup>th</sup> – Eastwood Golf Vs Bayswater at Eastwood Golf (2 teams needed)

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Bayswater Vs Heatherdale at Bayswater (2-3 Teams needed). Sheets are available in the foyer to put your names on.

**Regards, John Corn, Chairperson of Selectors.**

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## Midweek Pennant

Hello bowlers. Pennant season is approaching fast. Midweek pennant will be starting on the 1st October and we will be having four practice games prior to this date. Please watch notice board for more info. A short meeting of all Midweek players will be held on **Thursday 22nd August at 4pm**. It would be appreciated if all players could attend. On behalf of the selectors enjoy your bowls and have fun.

**Regards, Midweek Selectors.**