

# Bayswater Bowls Club NEWSLETTER

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### *Your club re-born*

Welcome back to you new look club! While most of you have been in hibernation a dedicated group of members have been slaving away, updating the look, renovating, refurbishing, and painting like there was no tomorrow.

You'll notice the difference the moment you enter, freshly painted entrance doors leading to a startling white de-cluttered foyer, which now proudly displays trophies that have been practically out of sight for years. A new bench for guests to sign is there, as is the notice board for general and social notices.

The area housing the billiard table has also been repainted, which provides a focus on what we are now calling "Bowls Central" with the board for bowls related notices and shelf for entry forms for social bowls, competitions etc, where the pennant selection board was. This has been moved to the back wall. The piano has gone, and partitions will now be found in the storeroom. There are plans, once our finances start recovering, to install bi-fold doors so this area can be closed off for meetings and so on.

Men's, ladies and disabled toilets have been repainted and the locker rooms cleaned out. Lockers have been doubled in size so they can now house the bigger type of bowls bags as well as lifter and arms. A \$10 deposit for a key is required, available on a first-in basis. We'll be looking at doing something, too, with the floor of the ladies toilet, where a number of tiles are badly cracked.

All the pennant picture frames have been dismantled and cleaned inside

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**"Friendship through Bowls"**

## **Your club re-born** *(continued from page 1)*

and out. Work is in progress to replace some of the more faded photographs.

Notice, too, the newly painted trim around the windows. The club room floor has been resealed. This was not a cosmetic exercise, but one designed to extend the life of the floor. The floorboards are wearing thin, and couldn't cope with a hard sanding. Carpets throughout the buildings have been professionally cleaned.

Of course, our newly refurbished kitchen is a centrepiece. New benches, drawers, tiles, paintwork, and – out of sight – major repairs to the rotten timber of interior walls. The passageway to the back door, and the door itself has also had a going over.

Outside, the veranda decking is another area that has been repainted, and there is more of this work to do. We will be drawing up a priority painting list, so, if you can wield a brush or a roller, put you hand up, accept a job and do it in your own time and your own pace.

Let's keep the work going.

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## **BUT WHERE IS OUR RAMP???**

We did say that the ramp was likely to be in by the end of the financial year, and that would have been another "re-born" topic.

However, while it is not there, it is still in the pipeline and will happen. In its budget for next year, Council has allocated funds to completely resurface the front car park, and the idea now is to do both jobs at the one time, which makes a lot of sense, particularly since heavy vehicles, diggers etc working on the ramp would have torn up the existing car park to an extent where it could have been dangerous.

So, we'll just have to wait and see. Sometime in the next six months perhaps, but let's just be patient so we can get the job done properly.

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A special thank you from all members must go to **John Rouse** who has put in many hours organising the work that has been carried out around the club during the shutdown. John has also been our contact with Knox Council on all covid items we have had to put in place. He has been ably assisted by many members. (See pages 4-5) Again a big thank you, John.

<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:</b>	Alistair Smith
<b>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:</b>	Albert Taylor
<b>FINANCIAL DIRECTOR:</b>	John Corn
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS :</b>	Andrew Pryor, Barbara Keenan,
<b>Editor:</b>	Albert Taylor Doug Clarke, Pam Pleydell

## **YOU CAN PAY YOUR SUBS**

The Board at its meeting of June 11, 2020, decided to recommend to the AGM that subscriptions remain unchanged for the year 2020-2021. This requires ratification at the AGM whenever it is held, but in light of the club's cash flow problems arising from the Covid lockdown, it was decided to invoice members now so that we can have some money coming in. If the AGM decides to change the Board's recommendation, then your account will be amended accordingly at that time.

So we would encourage you all to pay your dues now. However, if you are facing financial problems of your own, then please talk in confidence with Finance Director John Corn, so that some arrangement can be reached.

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## **NEW MEMBERS**

A big welcome to new members to our club, **Fiona** and **Paul McNamara**, who come to us from Heatherdale.

**Glen** and **James Imeson**, who have transferred from Carrum Bowls Club.

Also **Steven Bouyer**, who is a new bowler.

We ask members to make them welcome and give them any assistance they may require to settle into our club.

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT.**

Not too much to report this stage. The Wednesday and Saturday pairs are going along quite well with the numbers improving. Just a reminder for everybody using the Greens to use the hand sanitiser provided and only handle your own bowls. Also nominate a person to handle the jack and another person to handle the mat.

Once we are allowed to use the club room again, I am sure you will all appreciate the amount of work that has been carried out inside the room and also the decking by the few who have put in a huge amount of time and effort for our benefit.

Good bowling and safe bowling.

**Doug Clarke.**

**President Bowls committee.**

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## **FACEBOOK**

We here a lot about the importance these days of Social Media, and we do have our own Facebook Page. It's not just for our own members, though. If there's an event or interesting piece on their, why not "share" it with your friends. Okay, you might be sharing it with someone in London or Broken Hill, but they share it with their friends, then it might well end up back in the Bayswater Bowls area. Even if not, it looks good when these stats bob up.





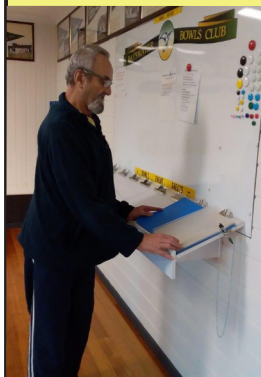
Work begins on refurbishing the foyer.



Foyer refurbished.



Left: Pam Pleydell and Barbara Keenan check out the new big lockers



Left: Bowls coordinator, Carl Boltwood is ready for business.



President, Doug Clarke inspects the pennant board.

# Your club re-born

Thanks must go to all members who have worked tirelessly during the covid shutdown to clean up and revitalise the club rooms. The kitchen cabinets and working benches were installed by a contractor. Removing and storage of all equipment, cleaning & reinstalling was under taken by **Jane & John Corn, Gwen White and John Rouse**. Cutting up & removing of all old cabinets & work benches was done by **John Corn, Wally Gear, Bob Power, John Phyland Brian Dodson and John Rouse**. Redecoration & modifications to the club house, change rooms, toilets, entrance hall, office and bowls area were carried out by **John Rouse, Wally Gear, Rosalie Cooper, Marie Hollard, & Doug Clarke**. Special mention must go to John Corn, who is still continuing with the painting. A lot of work has had to be done to comply with the covid-19 regulations. **John Rouse, John & Jane Corn, Doug Clarke & Carl Boltwood** have spent many hours putting up signs and installing hand sanitisers.

As part of the covid regulations we have to put in place a cleaning plan for both the club house & greens, so we will need many volunteers to help with this work.

Again thanks to all members who have helped with this work, we could not survive without you.

— **John Rouse, Projects Officer.**



The New kitchen



Right: John Rouse & Brian Dodson hard at work.



John Rouse, runner up in the club's first singles championship, admire the new trophy display.



Clearing the hall in preparing for sanding.



Working on the floor.

# BOWLSLINK

Over the coming months Bowls Victoria will provide simple login instructions and assistance to all members through their clubs. Once your profile is activated, this will give you

access to your personal member profile on BowlsLink, which opens up a range of game changing possibilities. You will be able to

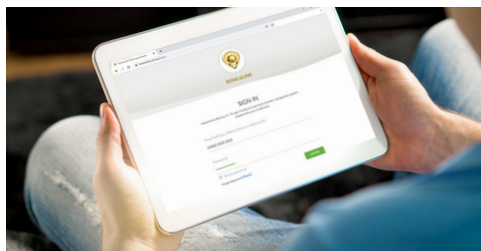
check your stats, enter events track your playing history and much more.

To do this members are required to have a valid email address.

This is why we have been chasing members for their email addresses and we are pleased to say that we

have obtained at least 95% of them.

More information will be coming from Bowls Vic. In the next couple of months.



If members would like to have a look at their profile now they could log in to

bowlslink.com.au, put in their email address and click on reset password then follow instructions on the screen. You must have a strong password at least eight characters long and must include caps and lower case and numerals.

## SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS

**Saturday June 13**

**2 Game winners:**

**1 Game winners:**

**Wednesday June 17**

**2 Game winners:**

**1 Game winners:**

**Saturday June 20**

**2 Game winners:**

**1 Game winners:**

**Wednesday June 24**

**2 Game winners:**

**1 Game winners:**

**Saturday June 27**

**2 Game winners:**

**1 Game winners:**

R Cooper, S Gibbs.

Jane Corn, J Pumphrey.

C Lovelock, J Phyland.

C Boltwood, D Clarke.

K Barton, R Cooper.

D Ferguson, B Power.

J Garrity, A Gamble.

C Lovelock, J Phyland.

D Haack, J Rouse.

M Lyon, J Pumphrey.

**2-4-2 pairs**

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## FINANCES

As you will understand, the club's income has completely dried up while we have been in lockdown, losing something like \$6-700 a week, while bills such as power, water, insurance still have to be paid. We also face losses from having to dump stock that has gone past its use-by day or has gone off (several hundred dollars worth of kegs beer, for example.) We have lobbied at a local, state and federal level to point out how clubs like ourselves have been impacted.

We have had some relief (we get a refund of our liquor licence fee, some rebates of GST) and we've applied for grants through State and Local Government) but that's not going to go very far, to be honest. So what we need is for members to support their club when everything gets back to normal, take part or support whatever events we stage, bring your friends along, encourage businesses to sponsor us, recruit new members.

*"Dave drowned. So at the funeral we got him a wreath in the shape of a lifebelt.*

*Well, it's what he would have wanted."*

## TIMETABLE FOR MEETINGS

We have to wait until we are cleared to have 50 people in the clubrooms before calling the special general meeting to hear Alan Crawford's appeal against the Board's decision not to renew his membership, and the AGM. The Board decided that, to avoid confusion, overlap and a blurring of lines, that Alan's appeal should be heard first, and that only after that meeting had been held that notices concerning the AGM and Election of Office Bearers and Selector should go out.

## WHEN WE GET BACK PROPERLY

The Board is anxious to host a wide range of bowls and non-bowls events as we return to "normal" and are open to whatever suggestions you might have. Member's Draw? In what form? Trivia Night? Meals? Baysie Battlers? Barefoot Bowls? Bring a Friend? Cake Making? ... Bowls with High Tea ??? .. ??? ... ??? you might even have seen something at another club and thought, "Why don't we try that?"

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Beryl Cooper, Christopher Barker, Colleen Clarke, Terry Davis, Ian Jack, Janice Liang, Siegfried Pastoors, Bob Power, Roy Southward, Seisn Hafkenscheid, Kevin Lomas.



## CLUB BOWLS NEWS.

**I**t is great to be back playing Social Bowls every Wednesday and Saturday, it has been a different experience in the current circumstances, not being able to access the club rooms, no bar, no coffee and tea afternoon sitting in the warmth and having a coldie or two and catching up on everybody's news.

There has been a great turn up of members to play each day, at the moment we are playing 2-4-2 with 20 to 28 attending, we can have up to 32 bowlers on each green.

When all the restrictions are lifted and everything goes back to normality, hopefully soon, Bowls Victoria have announced that the **Weekend Pennant Season** will start on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020** and **Mid-Week Pennant** will start on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**.

I will be ringing all members to identify who is playing pennant for the season coming up. If I have not rung you, ring me and let me know if you are available to play.

When we get back into the Clubrooms you will notice that the Bowls Tournaments and Club Championships Board has been moved into the Poolroom area.

If you want a game of Social Bowls please contact me, Carl Boltwood on my mobile phone, 0422 438 903.

Looking forward to seeing all in the near future, keep safe and well.

**Carl Boltwood**

**Bowls Coordinator.**

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## TIME TO PUT YOUR HAND UP

**I**t's time to be thinking forward to when we can eventually hold our AGM and at the same time elect a Board of Management for the upcoming year. As you know, it will be a new structure and a new look. All positions on the Board are vacant, so think about whether you should be putting your hand up. We will need a President, a Vice President (concentrating on bowls issues), a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary (also concentrating on bowls), a Treasurer, and two ordinary Directors. Remember that this Board will then appoint a Greens Director and Bowls Director, and this group will then control the destiny of the club.

For your information, the President elected this year will serve for three years, the Secretary for two, and the Treasurer for one. Other Board members serve a one-year term.

We will also be looking for Midweek and Saturday selectors.