



# NEWSLETTER

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### NEW TIMES COMING

It might have been a bit of a struggle to get the necessary quorum at our Special General Meeting, but we did achieve it within the required time limit, and it was heartening, after all the work that been put into it, that the decision to adopt a new constitution was passed unanimously.

This constitution has now been forwarded to the relevant authorities who need to check that it complies with the law and then approve it before it can come into effect. We have been given no indication of how long this process will take, and in the meantime we continue to operate under the "old" constitution.

However, work continues on the bylaws in the meantime and those required to come into place before the AGM and voting for the new-style board and selectors will be approved by the current Board within the next few weeks. We will assess when the AGM will be held when we get some information about the approval timetable, because we want to get the new structure in place as soon as possible.

It is my sincere hope that what we are doing will improve both the day to day running and the future advancement of the club, by enabling us to better concentrate on key issues, in a more constructive and harmonious manner.

As the system beds down in the new club year, please show you support for the efforts and initiatives of those who will be involved in the changes.

**Alistair Smith, Executive Director.**

Today's thought: *If you can't be positive, then at least be quiet.*

### "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,
<b>Editor:</b> Albert Taylor	Doug Clarke, Pam Pleydell

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**H**i bowlers. On writing this report there is one Tuesday and one Saturday pennant game yet to play so hopefully we can finish off the season with a win.

As it stands our topside is a great chance of making the four. As we know in finals anything can happen. So if they make it, it would be great if the rest of us give them all the support possible. As for the second side, at the start of the season the aim was to avoid relegation. It now seems this has probably been achieved. The third Saturday side will probably be a little more competitive in a lower division. At least for one season. The Tuesday sides have had a fair season, struggling quite a bit for numbers.

With the master and apprentices tournament played on the long weekend we have 32 teams competing thanks to **Carl Boltwood** putting in a lot of work despite his health being not too good.

We still have quite a few of the club championships to be played, and I wish the best of luck to all who have entered.

On behalf of all our pennant players I would like to thank our anonymous donor for the payment of green fees for our winning rinks, much appreciated.

Good bowling.

**Doug Clarke President Bowls committee.**

## MENTOR

**Pam Pleydell** has been appointed to the position of club "Mentor" and it is her duty to ensure that prospective and new members have a smooth entry into the club, e.g., where things are, how things are done, how they can be coached, introducing them to present members, etc. etc.

Anyone who enquires of a member about the club, anyone who phones or emails the club, anyone who walks in off the street saying something like "I'm interested in taking up bowls," or "How do I join?" should be welcomed with open arms, shown around, given an application form or whatever. Then the next step is to put them in contact with Pam, or put Pam in contact with them. She will then put on her "Mentor" hat and take it from there, in a structured fashion, so that we are not all going off in different directions.

## **CLUB OVERHAUL**

Just a reminder of what the club will look like following adoption of your new constitution and associated bylaws. The new-look Board of Management will comprise a President; Vice President; Secretary; Assistant Secretary; Treasurer; 2 x Elected Directors and 2 x Appointed Directors. A Greens Director and Bowls Director will be appointed by the elected Board and in the normal course of events, they will then become the two appointed directors.

The duties of the Vice President and the Assistant Secretary would primarily focus on the bowls side of things.

As at present, two selection committees will be elected by members.

The voting system will be “first past the post” and the Board has decided that we should continue with the present practice of opening the nomination box at regular intervals and posting these nominations on the Board.

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## **KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT**

Work on refurbishing the kitchen will commence on Tuesday, March 10, and we are asking for understanding by members who will be playing Midweek pennant that day, the last day of the season. Alternative arrangements will be made for the serving of tea and coffee before the game and at lunch time, as well as the storage of lunch.

Some members will be required to help with the work on that day, and others have put their hands up already for “finishing off” tasks that will be required later.

We anticipate the project, funded by grants from the Bendigo Bank and Knox Council, will take at least three weeks to complete.

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## **MONDAY MORNING WORKING BEE**

We desperately need more members to help with maintenance and other jobs around the club on Monday mornings.

Even if you can only spare an hour or so there is plenty of work to be done on the greens and general maintenance around the club.

It is only with the help of members can we keep our club looking great and make it feel welcome for visitors. There is plenty of work inside and out. The reward is that morning tea is supplied, and good conversation is guaranteed.

# KNOX CLUB BACK ON BOARD

Our long standing relationship with the Knox Club will continue with their Board approving sponsorship of our club for the next 12 months. The Knox Club views this sponsorship as an investment in both of our businesses going forward, and we encourage members to recognise and appreciate this investment, and to visit the Knox Club on a regular basis. Members are required to indicate on their Knox Club Membership form that they are from Bayswater Bowls Club, and this swipe card is used to measure our patronage of the Knox Club, which is a key factor when determining future sponsorship agreements. Also, when making restaurant bookings for groups, please make sure they know you are from our club.

## INTERFERENCE

*Old George Jones of bowling fame, was always quoting the "Laws of the Game".*

*But one day he failed me an answer to give.*

*And I'll never forget it as long as I live.*

*An old jersey cow strolled onto the green and dropped the biggest dollop I've ever seen.*

*It was only a metre away from the jack.*

*His bowl got stuck in it and he wanted it back,*

*I said "You can't have it, don't be a fool ...*

*If you touch that bowl you'll be breaking a rule".*

*So he rushed to his bag and took out his book, turned over the pages and had a good look.*

*Then he said "There's nothing in here to say that I can't get my bowl and continue to play".*

*I said "Now listen George and don't cause a commotion, Rule 37 says ... you can't interfere with a bowl that's in motion".*

## HEAVENLY BOWLS

*Pat requested his Church to check if they played bowls in Heaven.*

*After a week the Priest approached Pat with the answer.*

*He said, "I have good news and bad news".*

*Pat said, "Tell me the good news first".*

*The Priest said, "The good news is that they do play bowls in Heaven".*

*"What's the bad news?", said Pat.*

*The Priest said, "Well Pat, the word is out that your name is down for the pairs next Saturday".*

**"Eleven plus two" and "twelve plus one" both equal 13 and have 13 letters.**

**In fact, they both have the same 13 letters.**

## BREAK IN AND CONSEQUENCES

As most of you will be aware, we suffered a burglary on January 13, in the early hours of the morning when a thief jemmied open the veranda door near the barbecue, then the doors to the bar and the storeroom. He attempted to force open the till, failed to do so, and then fled. It was one of a series of burglaries at bowls clubs in the area, which has netted the offender(s) a considerable sum of money.

Fortunately, there was no money in our till at the time, but replacing the till and repairing the damage cost several thousand dollars. We were covered by insurance, but nevertheless still faced \$1000 excess.

For obvious reasons we won't go into specific details, but investigation of the incident revealed some weaknesses in our security system which needed to be addressed. We were fortunate in that we already had plans for an security upgrade, the cost of which was covered by a Federal Government grant, so the cost to the club of the necessary changes has been minimised.

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## IT'S FOOTY TIME !!! BE READY FOR THE BOUNCE

Well, it's certainly close enough to the start of the season proper to start talking about Bayswater Bowls Club's world-famous "last standing" footy tipping competition. So start talking about it amongst your friends and rellies, so they can get their heads around the fact that all you have to do is find ONE winner a week. Sounds easy, but get it wrong and you're gone! Be prepared when entries open!



*Barefoot Bowls for Beginners is Back*

*Every Friday 5pm*

Invite your friends and neighbours along to try bowls.

# ACTION HUB

The Knox Children and Family Centre (KCFC Bayswater) – known to us as “The Hub”, on Friday, March 20, the Parent Committee is organising a “Parents and Family Morning Tea” in the Playgroup room. You are invited to drop in, meet some people and perhaps interact with the kids. 9.30 – 11 a.m.

## Speed Hump

Also, you may have noticed that a speed hump had been installed which will make it a lot safer for walking bowlers (and parents) since cars being driven too fast were becoming an issue. Our club and the Hub worked together to address this issue.

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*Remember: We don't stop laughing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop laughing!*

## The Bowlers' own language - how to translate

*The Sport of Bowls has its very own language which can totally mystify anyone who hears it, but hasn't had the pleasure of throwing a bowl in fun or earnest. For the information of the uninitiated, here are a few terms translated into standard English.*

*"Good weight!"=lousy line.*

*"Good line"=lousy weight.*

*"Good back bowl"=you were lucky you didn't put it in the ditch.*

*"That's in their way"=that's in my way.*

*"That could be useful up there"=that bowl is closer to you than it is to the jack.*

*"Get it next time"=you sure didn't get it this time.*

*"He's surprisingly good"=you're surprised he ever makes a shot.*

*"I'd bowl with him any day"=he always buys the first round.*

The advertisement is for Surreal Property Group, a Real Estate agency. It features a header with the Surreal logo, the text 'PROPERTY GROUP', and 'Real Estate Ph: 9729 5288'. Below the header are two photos of Linda Mitrevski, a woman with short brown hair, wearing a dark blazer. The main text reads: 'Looking for a reliable mature & caring Property Manager Call Linda Mitrevski for a chat. 9729 5288'. At the bottom, it says 'Support your local Independent family operated Real Estate Agency' and '2/732 Mountain Highway Bayswater (Between the Bayswater Banks)'. On the right side, there are two award logos from ratemyagent.com, both for 2018, one for 'AGENCY OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER' and one for 'AGENT OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER'. The background of the ad is white with green and blue accents.

## **Email addresses needed.**

Especially since the new constitution will allow us to serve official notices by email (at present it has to be done by post or in person), it is imperative that everyone who has an email address makes sure that it is recorded at the club. Give it to Dennis Kimberley or, here's a thought, email it to club@bayswaterbowlsclub.com.

In fact, it's always a good idea to ensure that your contact details are correct and up-to-date, as well as your medical information form.

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*Four bowlers were out on the Green practicing.*

*As one of them was about to bowl, they saw a funeral procession go by. Instead of bowling, the bowler removed his cap and placed it on his chest until the funeral had passed. At this point, one of the others said, "You know, that was the most touching thing I've ever seen." And the bowler answers, "Well, I was married to her for 15 years. It was the least I could do!"*

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Elaine Delaney, Nancy Smith, Nigel Spokes, Peter Weber, Carl Boltwood, John Rovatsos, Marion O'Toole, Margaret Warren, Rebecca Welsh, Jane Cumming.

## **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 Mcliece**, a fully qualified personal trainer/group fitness instructor.

If you require more information please contact  
Lisa on 0412 323 556

## **COMMUNITY PHARMACY**

Shop 3 & 4/348 Mountain Highway

Phone: 9720 2872

Member Benefits:

- 5% discount on all catalogue promotions
- Up to 15% off everyday pharmacy needs
- 15% off private prescriptions
- 10% off all our Community Health Clinics

# VALE BOWLLOTTO

After three decades of operation and many thousands of dollars raised for the club, **Bowlotto** has come to an end, a victim of changing times and limited interest from members. Our thanks to **Nancy Smith** or **Barbara Keenan** who kept it going as long as they could, and to those people who remained in it faithfully until the end.

## SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS

Wednesday January 8

2 Game Winners:

1 Game Winners:

J Phyland, K Groenewegen, D Ferguson.

B Smith, M Kemp, B Chan.

3 Bowl Triples

Wednesday February 5

2 Game Winners:

1 Game Winners:

J Pumphrey, B Dodson, J Rouse.

I Barned, B Chan, A Gamble, C Hutchings.

3 Bowl Triples

Wednesday February 12

2 Game Winners:

1 Game Winners:

K Groenewegen, J Cumming, G Buxton.

B Smith, D Kimberley, R Southward.

3 Bowl Triples

Wednesday February 26

2 Game Winners:

1 Game Winners:

B Smith, R Southward, D Kimberley.

P Pleydell, S Pastoors, J Phyland.

3 Bowl Triples

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