

Bayswater Bowls Club NEWSLETTER

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WELL, it's been another eventful year, as you'll soon hear, and I'd like to thank my fellow Board Members for their efforts in ensuring that the club continued not only to run as smoothly as possible in the circumstances but actually continue to move forward: John Garrity, secretary; John Corn, Treasurer, Barb Keenan, assistant secretary, Wally Gear and Karen Barton as elected members, and the appointees John Rouse as Green Director and Doug Clarke as Bowls Director.

It has been, of course, another year where covid had a huge impact, but we were able to ride out the lockdowns fairly well, and the loss of income was alleviated by Government grants, but the biggest impact of all came when we were able to re-open and pennant resumed. We were full of hope for the forthcoming season, having appointed a head coach, who had devised a detailed plan, and recruited experience bowlers, but these hopes were dashed because of the extremely confusing and often contradictory rulings by the State Government, Bowls Victoria and Knox Council as lockdown was eased.. Like many other clubs, we expressed our views strongly with Bowls Victoria about how they were handling the return to play rules.

While those players who decided not to get vaccinated (including our coach Zac Woning) accepted the club's decision that we would play only double-vaccinated players, a number of others did not, including our vice-president, Tyson McCamley, and decided to walk out on the

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"Friendship through Bowls"

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club, leaving a huge gap in our playing numbers, which meant we were often unable to field complete teams. While one mid-week team managed to get into finals, everyone else struggled and relegations resulted. However, we now have a large number of new and enthusiastic bowlers in our ranks, and hopefully we can redress this next season.

Since it was not specifically required under our constitution, the Board decided not to fill the vacant position of Vice President, but shared his responsibilities among other directors, and I'd also like to thank Andy Pryor who put his hand up to become heavily involved in Masters and Apprentices and Club Championships. And congratulations to all our champions. In a covid free environment we may be able to re-schedule these events in future to avoid delays in completing games.

Although we were able to get back out on the greens, co-vid continued to impact on the club in other ways. We found, for example, that people seemed reluctant to remain at the club and mingle after games, and as a result there was a downturn in bar sales, and we didn't have the numbers to get Joker Poker off the ground. Numbers made the food van unviable. Bookings for functions have not returned to pre-covid levels, and a number of bookings were cancelled when participants were forced into isolation. We also lost sponsors whose businesses were hit. And we had to cancel a major Grand Final Eve tournament.

Nevertheless, as you'll hear from the Treasurer, the finances of the club remain sound.

And projects did get completed. The new car park and accessibility ramp was completed, plantings have been made and a sprinkler system installed, and our new welcoming board was put up. As you know, we received a grant for the installation of a new front gate and fencing, which should have been completed by now but was another thing impacted by covid because of staff shortages and supply issues. Likewise, we have other projects in the pipeline where we are having issues in getting tradespeople.

Work has begun though, on the installation of solar panels for which we received a State Government grant of \$20,000, with us tipping in another \$20,000 from our SIBC funds. The new switchboard is in place, and the solar panel contractors have only to complete the necessary paperwork before proceeding. We actually scored a covid bonus on this one, supply issues meaning we will get a better panel installed for the same price. The project will save the club approximately \$6,000 a year in electricity bills.

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URGENT HELP NEEDED!!

Help is urgently needed for cleaning and maintenance work to be done around the club. If you have a couple hours to spare on a Monday morning, please come along and volunteer for one of the many jobs that are urgently needed to be done. There has been a distinct lack of persons turning up on Mondays and as a result some urgent work that needs to be done is not getting completed, particularly on the greens. If maintenance can not be carried out as required, we may need to close the greens until we can catch up on the work. If you can help please ring John Rouse on 0418 363 556. Reward is morning tea and some social chit-chat.

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SIBC funds also enabled us to provide shirts of a new design to members free of charge.

We received a grant that enabled us to purchase special colourful barefoot bowls, and also paid for a leaflet drop to encourage people to take up bowls post-covid, and we did, in fact, gain members as a result. We ran a Rookie Rollers program for Bayswater West Primary School (again covid disrupted!) and developed a programme aimed at secondary schools, which unfortunately has received little response.

Looking forward, it is essential that we continue to promote our club to the local community, with the aim of attracting both members and event bookings, which brings me to the topic of member participation (or volunteers!). We must thank those members who devote their time to helping around the club in so many ways, gardening, greens maintenance, building maintenance, the kitchen, the bar, the barbecue, cleaning, barefoot bowls. There's always something that needs to be done, and thanks to those who put their hands up to do it.

We'll continue to need such people in the future, and it needn't be at an organised time or event. One task that faces us, for example, is painting the shelters and other outdoor equipment. That can be done at any time ... an hour here or there whenever it's convenient to you. Come in, access that paint, the brushes and other equipment and go for it. (See John Rouse or John Corn and they'll tell what needs to be done and where things are.)

We need to keep the place looking nice so that people are happy coming here, and we also need to get out and spread the word. So please think about what you can do and offer your services.

We've been working to a fairly organised plan, but covid has kept getting in the way. Let's hope that's behind us, and we can have a covid-free annual report next year!



SUPER VETERANS

At the recent presentation day four members received their Super Veterans Badge from Tony Buckingham, Secretary of Eastern Ranges. They are from L to R above: **Siegfried Pastoors, Ray Wheeler, Margaret Warren** and **Jim Pumphrey**. Congratulations to all on reaching this milestone.

PRESENTATION DAY

Presentation Day was held on April 23 and following two games of bowls and then afternoon tea, presentation of trophies to winners of championships for the past season were made. **Tony Buckingham**, secretary of Eastern Ranges Bowls Region presented trophies to winners and we thank Tony for his time.



Men's Singles Champion, Andy Pryor



Ladies Singles Champion, Barbara Keenan



Mixed Pairs Champions, Andy Pryor & Pam Pleydell



SOLAR PANELS

Members would be aware that Bayswater Bowls Club recently won a grant of \$20,000 from the State Government for the installation of Solar Panels and battery. The club also allocated a further \$20,000 to the project, the funds being part of the money we received from the closure of SBIC. Members of the State Government recently attended the club to officially hand over the grant and to show members a sample of the solar panel and battery to be installed. Installation date is yet to be confirmed.

Pictured above are: **Alistair Smith**, President, **John Rouse**, Projects, **Barnaby Lawrenson** from RACV Solar who will be installing the panels, Minister **Lily D'Ambrosio** representing the Government, State member for Bayswater, **Jackson Taylor**, **John Corn**, Treasurer, and the interim CEO of Sustainability Victoria, **Matt Genever**.

Special thanks must go to Alistair Smith and John Rouse who were both involved in obtaining quotes and preparing the application for the grant.



Karen Barten & Barbara Keenan



Juancho Natividad



Karen Barton



Jim Pumphrey



Jane Corn

BOARD MEMBERS 2022-2023

PRESIDENT:	Alistair Smith
VICE PRESIDENT:	Tim Fruin
SECRETARY:	John Garrity
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	Barbara Keenan
TREASURER:	John Corn
COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	Karen Barton, Wally Gear
GREENS DIRECTOR:	John Rouse
BOWLS DIRECTOR:	Doug Clarke

WEEKEND SELECTION:	MID-WEEK SELECTION:
Jane Corn	John Corn
Pam Pleydell	Noel Bosch
John Rouse	Tim Fruin
Ray Wheeler	Ray O'Toole

A fifth member of each selection committee is yet to be appointed by the Board.

Editor: Albert Taylor

The Hip Pocket Story

As advised at the AGM, the annual subscription for full members has been increased from \$180 to \$200, with similar increase to other forms of membership, while at the same time green fees are now \$10. It has been several years since any of these fees have been changed.

Bar Prices

Likewise, there has been a review of bar prices, which have remained unchanged since January, 2020, although there have been five increases in excise and wholesale prices in the time. The result is that most prices at the bar will be increased by an average of around 5 per cent, impacting on all areas – corporate, members and happy hour.

PROFIT & LOSS REPORT

Members wishing to replace the incorrect P & L presented at the AGM should contact John Corn for an updated version.

DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS

At it's first meeting after the AGM, the Board decided that the non-elected directors should be Doug Clarke (Bowls Director) and John Rouse (Greens Director) both of whom held these positions last year.

RINKS CLOSED

It has be necessary to close specific rinks on Green No 1 for the purposes of individual roll-up/practice because of the wear and tear caused by their excessive use, and Rink Closed signs have been placed on these. Please respect these signs and practice elsewhere so that the wear and tear on the green is more evenly spread thus extending the life of the green.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

If you were unable to attend the Biggest Morning Tea, held on Tuesday May 24 to raise funds for cancer, but would still like to make a donation, you can donate at the following link:

<https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/BayswaterBowlsClub>

Bayswater Bowls Club Welcomes you

BAR OPEN:

Wednesday – Friday from 4pm – 6.30pm

BAREFOOT BOWLS (Free)
AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE:

Fridays from 4.00pm – 6.30pm

43 Phyllis St, Bayswater (off Stud Rd.)

www.bayswaterbowlsclub.com

9729 8312 or 0455 441 991

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Vlado Aleksevic, Ben Crawford, Jon Kacew, Max Davey, Florence Dodson, Ros Jack, Barry Smith, Jane Corn, Denise Ferguson, Peter Breen, Alan Gamble, Marcelia Powell. Ray O'Toole.

SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS

Saturday March 26

2 Game Winners:

1 Game Winners:

Wednesday March 30

2 Game Winners:

1 Game Winners:

Wednesday April 6

Winner Fours:

Winner Triples:

Runner up Triples:

Saturday April 9

2 Game Winners:

1 Game Winners:

Wednesday April 13

2 Game Winners:

1 Game Winners:

Saturday April 16

2 Game Winners:

1 Game Winners:

Wednesday April 20

2 Game Winners:

1 Game Winners:

Saturday April 23

2 Game Winners:

1st Game winners:

2nd Game Winners:

Wednesday April 27

2 Game winners:

1 Game winners:

Saturday April 30

2 Game Winners:

1 Game Winners:

Saturday May 7

2 Games Winners:

1 Game Winners:

Wednesday May 11

2 Game Winners:

1 Game Winners:

Saturday May 14

2 Game Winners:

1 Game Winners:

Wednesday May 18

2 Game Winners:

Saturday May 21

2 Game Winners:

1st Game Winners:

2nd Game Winners:

M Acker, R Cooper, B Dodson, J Pumphrey.
M Hollard, F Zimmerman, B Smith.

B Noble, K Groenewegen, B Smith, J Garrity.
M Hollard, B Dodson, S Pastoors, W Gear.

W Ott, M Acker, A Taylor, N Bosch.
Ray O'Toole, J Pumphrey, Wally Gear.
N Spokes, S Pastoors, A Gamble.

J Natividad, F Zimmerman, J Rovatsos, P Pleydell.
M Hollard, B Keenan, D Clarke.

N Spokes, S Pastoors, I Bennett.
R Jack, D Coutts, B Keenan, K Barten.

N Spokes, D Ferguson, P Oude-Elferink, N Bosch.
J Corn, L Ham, J Rovatsos, P Pleydell.

K Groenewegen, A Taylor, R Wheeler.
N Spokes, R Pearson, J Pumphrey, N Bosch..

W Murphy, D Perry, A Taylor, M Dodson.
R Meredith, J Corn, L Ham, J Garrity.
P Commanche, N Spokes, S Pastoors, R Wheeler.

P Commanche, C Boltwood, A Taylor, R Wheeler.
C Bretener, N Spokes, M Hollard, I Bennett.

J Corn, K Barton, J Rovatsos.
J Pumphrey, L Ham, P McNamara.

R Merredith, N Spokes, M Hollard, J Rovatsos.
W Murphy, V Aleksevich, R Cooper, T Murphy.

V Aleksevich, J Corn, B Dodson, R Wheeler.
B Noble, D Ferguson, B O'Toole, J Phyland.

R Meredith, J Corn, R Wheeler, N Bosch.
B Noble, L Ham, D Haack, P Pleydell.

J Natividad, J Phyland, P Pleydell.

A Acker, R Cooper, R Wheeler.
B Smith, J Pumphrey, P Pleydell.
C Heslith, J Rovatsos, N Bosch.