

# BOWLED OVER

Mount Waverley Bowling Club Inc.

Newsletter May 2020

**MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.**

***'The friendly bowls club'***

The weatherman  
Said clear today  
He doesn't know  
They've taken bowls away  
Now there's no bowls  
No bowls today.

The lovely greens  
Are now not seen  
The garden's bare  
But who's to care  
Now there's no bowls  
No bowls to play.

Oh, misery, misery  
What's going to become of you,  
And me?

I tell myself  
What's done is done  
That I am not the only one  
To have no bowls  
No bowls to play.

Oh, misery, misery  
What's going to become of you,  
And me?

I exercise, I stretch and move  
But it's not the same  
As being in the groove  
I'm sad and blue  
I bet you are too  
And have our skills  
Gone down the loo?  
Now there's no bowls  
No bowls to play.

Ah, now I hear  
That dulcet tone  
Ken Johnston's just  
Been on the phone  
He's made the list  
You get the gist  
TODAY THERE ARE BOWLS  
HIP HIP HOORAY!

**Lindsay Markham**



**We hope that sometime soon we will see this action at the Mount.**

Victoria has extended its state of emergency by another four weeks as authorities combat the coronavirus.

Premier Daniel Andrews has declared the current stage three restrictions will now remain in place until at least midnight May 11.

He hasn't ruled out a further extension 'well beyond that' to protect the state's health system and save lives.

'This is unprecedented, but these powers are passed by the parliament, they are the law of our state and they are designed to deal with challenges just like those that we face, even though none of us in our lifetime had ever had to deal with this sort of crisis,' Premier Andrews told reporters on Sunday.

## **BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY**

McLean	Ian
Deans	Edna
Banbury	Lynda
Johnston	Ken
Anderson	Joan
Rowson	Reg
Kendrick	Bruce
Hutchinson	David
Dwyer	Brian (Taxi)
Spence	Judy
Martinez	Adrian
Robins	Glenn

## **Life Membership**

**Congratulations to Peter Armstrong on being awarded Life membership of the Mount Waverley Bowling Club at the Annual general Meeting.**

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 2019-2020**

**Women’s Pairs**

Runners up -

Winners -

**Men’s Pairs**

Runners Up – Joe Bonnici & David Rae

Winners – Jim Fary & Gary Howell

**Novice Singles**

Runner up – Nathan Green

Winner – Brad Matheson

**100 up open**

Runner Up – Gary Howell

Winner – Jim Fary

**Mixed pairs**

Runners up –

Winners -

**Ladies Club Champion**

Runner Up – Jill Anderson

Winner – Lindsay Markham

**Men’s Club Champion**

Runner Up – Bernie Brennan

Winner – Richard Sluggett

**Club Person of Year**

Peter Harney and Minh Vo

Thanks to David Rae for organising the Club Championships for the season.



We are a Good Sports club



**GOOD  
SPORTS**

ELECTION OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON  
THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND  
ACCEPTED

<i>Position</i>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Term of Office</b>
<i>President</i>	Bruce Bennett	Until May 2021
<i>Vice President</i>	Barrie Epstein	Until May 2021
<i>Secretary</i>	Ian Wilson	Until May 2021
<i>Treasurer</i>	Peter McDonald	Until May 2021
<i>Committee Members (6)</i>	Kaye O’Hara	Until May 2022
	Ian McLean	Until May 2022
	Howard Rose	Until May 2022
	David Beard	Until May 2021
	Robyn Beard	Until May 2021
	Jill Anderson	Until May 2021

**Message from the new President – Bruce Bennett**

The virtual AGM went off well and I want to thank those members who “gave it a go” – well done all.



As your new President I must say it is an honour to be President of this great Club and I want to let all members know that I will be doing all I can to keep it that way – a GREAT Club.

The year just closed turned out to be very acceptable with a slight profit before depreciation costs. The work put in by the COM and all our Subcommittee members is paying off. Many thanks for your efforts.

However, the current 2020 year is shaping up to be much more difficult and challenging given the Coronavirus issues.

It will be a tough year and probably the biggest challenge the Club will face in its 56-year history.

Income will be down – no Bar sales, Corporate activity unknown and Community Hub activities all stopped. Ongoing sponsorship from our good supporters is also unknown but it is not unreasonable to assume it will be down as well.

The only immediate source of income will be the next year member subscriptions. The Treasurer will be sending out notices for fees later this month and I encourage all members to remain a member – this is a time your Club really needs you.

Our single biggest expense is maintenance of the Greens. Thanks to Joe Bonnici, our Greens Director, for renegotiating the Greens Contract to substantially reduce the amount to be spent on maintenance. Essentially, we will be ‘mothballing’ the East Green but keeping the Centre Green at its high standard.

The Committee of Management and Executive will continue to meet as normal via Zoom.

This Newsletter and updates via email will continue to keep members informed as to the latest news.

I wish to acknowledge Peter Armstrong as the Club’s latest Life Member for the work he has done for the Club over many years. Well done and congratulations Peter.

I look forward to the day we can return to the Club and have a drink, a chat, shake hands and play bowls again. Let’s hope it’s not too far away.

For now, stay safe.

### **Thank you to retiring President – Richard Sluggett**

Richard has put much into this Club over his 18 years as a member.

He has worked hard and always been dedicated to achieving the best for the Club. Richard has been President for 3 years, Secretary for 3 years and before that Minute Secretary for the COM.

He is the Treasurer for the Eastern Ranges Bowls Region of which MWBC is a member.

He has put into place a Strategic Plan to shape the future direction of the Club and leaves behind a very able management team – for which I am very grateful.

He is also a pretty capable bowler having won the Men’s Single Championship this year – well done and congratulations.

Richard, whilst retiring from an official position, will remain a bowling member of the Club and has offered to continue to help wherever he can. His counsel will no doubt be sought from time to time.

In his home life Richard plans to spend half his time in Melbourne and half in Queensland on the Sunshine Coast. Sounds perfect and we wish him well in his new lifestyle.

On behalf of all Club members I extend a big “Thank You Richard”.

### **Bruce Bennett President MWBC Inc.**

#### **Bob the Bowler ‘Rolling the Bowl’.**



A fellow Bowler from Beaumaris asked **Bob** recently, ‘Are you missing Bowls?’ Yes, Bob misses Bowls; but not so much the activity of ‘rolling the bowl’ as the camaraderie with fellow bowlers that surrounds the activity of ‘rolling the bowl’. Executing good length and correct bias to take shot has its moments of glory, but when it is all said and done, nothing surpasses the fun and interaction of the camaraderie associated with ‘rolling the bowl’. Current virus restrictions bring out new ways of doing things. As a family we celebrated a 4-year-old birthday for a grandchild in Coburg that included vision from Kingsville NSW, Auckland NZ, Preston,

Aspendale and Hampton. The presents delivered by the postman were opened just as enthusiastically as if we were there. Down here in Hampton Bob and Joan are fortunate to be able to go for a walk, as in exercising, overlooking the Port Philip Bay each day. Just how long we would maintain any sense of sanity is problematical if we could not enjoy our ‘exercise’ outdoors each day. Complying with ‘social distancing’ imposed for our welfare certainly brings with it a sense of frustration. Being constantly reminded in the News each day, to stay at home, and as an ‘OBE’ you are a vulnerable person is not normal. Normal will return when we can dispense with ‘social distancing’ and ‘roll the bowl’ scoring touchers again.

**Editor – It is great to hear from Bob again.**

**Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.**

**SPONSORS**

As the summer season ends, we would like to thank our sponsors that have supported us throughout the whole year. Members are reminded to support these sponsors as they support us.

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**Annual General Meeting of 1 May 2020**

For the first time in MWBC Inc history the AGM was held on Zoom – a virtual meeting. It was interesting to see all the faces, on a screen, due to the virus issues faces the world.

Bruce Bennett takes over the reins as President and we all wish him and his committee well for the uncertain season ahead.

Jenny Roberts is staying on in a non-committee position as minute secretary and Irene Harney will still be involved with the Social committee. It is great to see Robyn and David Beard moving onto the COM along with Kaye O’Hara. Those people remaining from last year’s committee will guide these new members for the next season. We must now get behind our newly elected Committee of Management.

Some words from the Presidents report of 2019 to 2020 A vote of thanks must go to our Executive Committee who meet every Monday morning to progress the operations of the Club. To our faithfully Secretary Ian Wilson for all the work that he does for the Club and the Committee of Management. I also express my deep appreciation for the support and valued guidance of Barrie Epstein (Vice President) along with Peter McDonald. (Treasurer). Also present on Monday mornings are the Garden and surrounds people led by David Rae. Graeme Robinson continues to serve the Club as our Maintenance person and supported by David Buchanan. Our bar people arrive during the morning, but Peter Armstrong is always first through the door counting out the takings for the week. Peter Harney, Minh Vo, and Graham Tempany ensure that everything is spick and span in the bar area for the week ahead.

Stay safe everyone.

**Our members**

We need to be aware of any members who are having difficulties. Please advise the Club if you are unwell or if you are aware of any member who is unwell.

**Sponsorship**

Pinewood Community Bank has recently advised the Club that they would be offering \$3650 in Sponsorship for the 2020/21 bowling season. This is an increase of about \$3000 over their Sponsorship last year and is a welcome boost to the Club's finances.

Cheers, Howard Rose