

# BOWLED OVER

September 2020

## MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.

*'The friendly bowls club'*

### President's Message - September 2020

**Covid-19** – Stage 4 lockdown has meant that the Club is 'off limits' to all members apart from a small number of loyal volunteers who have been given a Permit to visit the Club for essential activities. Many thanks to Ken, Peter, Graeme, David and Joe.

Hopefully when Stage 4 restrictions lift in mid September we can be back at the Club in limited numbers for some practice on the Greens. The Centre Green is currently being prepared for play in late September or early October.

**Pennant** – Bowls Victoria have advised of new start dates for pennant - 7 November for weekend and 10 November for midweek pennant – resulting in 14 rounds instead of the normal 18. The feeling is that these dates are very optimistic, so we simply wait and see.

**Handbook** – Robyn Beard is currently working on the Handbook. The intention is to issue it in about another month and hopefully we will have better advice on the pennant dates.

**Calendar** - At this point we have decided not to issue the Calendar due to the uncertain nature of events such as Club activities, Tournaments, Club Championships, and the like, but as things unfold we will provide advice through emails and the Newsletter.

**Sponsors** – Work continues to sign up as many sponsors as we can and not unexpected the level of sponsorship is well down on prior years. It's tough out there for many businesses. I do want to thank all those sponsors who have committed something to the Club for the next year.

Also I want to thank those Club members who have had the difficult task to ask for financial support from prior sponsors and some new ones. Well done to you all – it is not easy.

**Club Structure** – The Club structure is displayed on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse but given the lockdown we thought it best to include it in this edition of the Newsletter (as an attachment).

Until next month, keep safe.

Bruce Bennett

### Sponsorship

Just under eight years ago we were approached out of the blue by two ladies who told us they were employed by a major New Zealand company which was about to enter the

Australian market and was planning to build a retirement village in Jells Road, next to the Wheelers Hill shopping centre.

They told us that their company was Ryman Healthcare, which has built and currently operates a large number of retirement villages in NZ and announced that the company was now planning to extend its business interests into Melbourne and beyond.

They said that experience in NZ had shown that bowling clubs were a good source of prospects for their business, hence their approach to us and Glen Waverley with offers of support. Their offer was, of course, gratefully accepted and it must be said that over the years our association has been of great and mutual benefit, with a number of our members and friends of members now enjoying life as Ryman village residents.

Ryman Healthcare has now built three villages in our area and is extending its footprint into other suburbs in Melbourne, Geelong and elsewhere. While their business interests are no longer concentrated in our area, we still continue to enjoy their patronage and support.



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**COVID-19 Update.**

Just a reminder that the clubhouse, greens and surrounds remain completely closed to members until the Government's restrictions are eased. Only those specifically authorised may enter to undertake essential maintenance.

**BOWLS VICTORIA UPDATE**  
**State Event Competition Dates**  
**Season 2020-21**

The following are **proposed** dates for returning to play, subject to further advice from the Victorian Government (Sport and Recreation Victoria) and Vicsport.

**2020/21 Metropolitan Pennant Season**

**Expected:** November 2020

**Alternative option:** January 2021

The Metropolitan Pennant Season is currently scheduled to commence on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> (Weekend Pennant) and Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> (Midweek Pennant).

The competition for the Midweek and Weekend Pennant seasons will be 14 rounds across home and away season, followed by a regular finals season, concluding in late March.

**Future Pennant Information:**

Clubs and players need to be flexible for Season 20/21 as Bowls Victorian evaluates scenarios around retuning to play Metropolitan Pennant. Bowls Victoria will need to be given permission from the Victorian State Government for the number of players to return to 32 per green.

If health and safety is a concern for commencing Pennant in November, a later commencement date would involve a compacted season commencing on Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup> (Weekend Pennant) and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January (Midweek Pennant), for as many weeks as possible.

Further details and the proposed dates for each Round are available in the MWBC August Update email that was sent out on 16 August 2020.

**Problem solving Tony!**

Our own Tony Allen has come up with a novel solution to a problem some of us may be experiencing in these challenging times! Thank you Tony:

"As you are probably aware, I have hearing aids. They are a 'bugger', especially when you then try and put on a face mask. The thin elastic of the mask catches the hearing aid tube over your ear, and then flicks them off your ear. You can then have the aids falling off onto the floor, or going all skewed and not working.

In any event, please be assured that Face Masks and Hearing Aids don't mix too well. I have heard one person at a Retirement Village has lost their aids because of the present Covid restrictions, and their needing to wear masks.

Since 'Tony' now has little to do ---- he found that nurses and those who wear masks all day, --- have made 'Extenders', --- to relieve the pressure on their ears. Makes a lot of sense if you have to wear them all day.

On thinking about it, ----- I thought the Extender might also benefit Hearing Aid users.

In an endeavour to 'assist' members of the Club who use Hearing Aids, --- and I suspect there are many, ---- I thought I might commit to paper how I solved 'My Problem'.

It takes a little bit of work, but is not impossible. Sadly it took me 2 to 3 hours to create my first Extender.

I showed my creation to my wife, ----- and she did another three in about 20 to 30 minutes. 'Grrr'. --- Maybe using a Thread and Needle is not my forte!!

**Using a Covid MASK with Hearing Aids**

Any person with hearing aids will have now found that 'masks' and 'hearing aids' don't mix.

Your ears, already crowded with holding your glasses, then has to cope with hearing aid tubes going over the top of your ear, connecting the aid with the speaker in your ear. Clipping any elastic over your ear, when you fit a face mask, then means that your hearing aids are immediately disrupted and they are pulled off your ear.

This can lead to the possible 'loss' of your hearing aid with it falling off, or it pulling the hearing aid plug out of your ear, and consequently you lose the benefit of the aid.

To solve this, one can make a Mask Extender. This then holds the elastic cord of the mask, BUT it does not use your ears to hook the Mask - the mask cord is now clipped to the Extender.

You will need for a Mask Extender:

- 200mm long (8 inches) of 20mm wide elastic or cloth;
- Three 19mm diameter buttons.

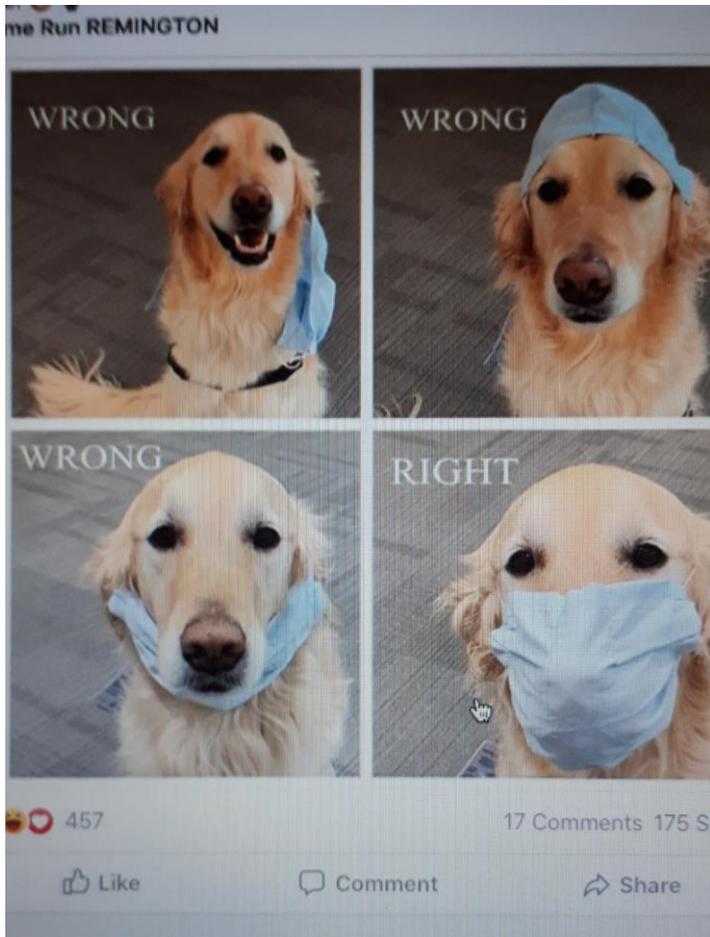
Fold the elastic (or cloth strip) over at the ends and sew it onto itself, so that 40mm (1 ½ inches) of it is folded and sewn at one end and about 10 mm (½ inch) is folded in at the other end with the elastic or cloth strip now being 150mm long (6 inches).

Then sew 2 buttons onto one end of the elastic and 1 button on at the other end. The extra button, which is on one end, is merely there if you need a tighter fit for your mask.

HOW TO USE: With a bit of trial and error, one can then attach a mask to your face under your chin and over your mouth and nose, so that the mask elastic cords then “miss” your ears. The Extender does NOT go behind your ears, but either sits well above them near the top of your head, OR beneath them nearer your neck. Both mask cords then go over the front top of your ears to the Extender, or both cords go beneath your ears to the Extender. The trick is to NOT put the cords around your ears. Give it a try.”



**Or Alternatively**



**Welcome to New Members**

We welcome the following new member to the Club so please say hello when we can get together again in the Clubhouse:

- Angus Reynolds.

**What’s been happening around the Club while in Lockdown**

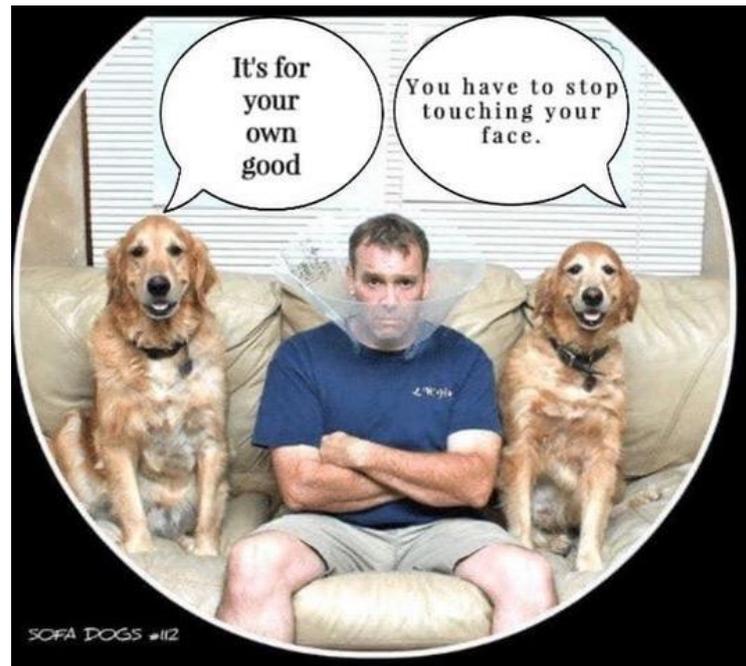
**2020 Member Survey**

In March 2020, members were given the opportunity to provide feedback on issues affecting them, including value for money for their membership fees, and to provide suggestions on how the Club might improve the greens, grounds, facilities, and social activities.

Fifty members (about half the playing membership and a third of the total membership) completed the survey – a great result!

The Committee of Management has now reviewed the feedback received and developed a response to the issues raised and suggestions made by members. The Committee’s response is appended to this Newsletter.

As a result of the feedback, the Committee has identified 9 actions which it will take to progressively improve amenities and social activities around the Club.



Note: Editor lives in a household run by a Golden (non) Retriever -she doesn’t fetch!

**Social Catch Up**

As we have not been able to catch up for social drinks on a Friday at the clubhouse, Kaye O'Hara and Robyn Beard have been arranging Zoom meetings on every second Friday afternoon as an alternative. It has been wonderful to 'see' each other again even though it is not quite the same as catching up 'face to face'.

Below is a screen shot from the first Zoom meeting on 7 August.



These Zoom meetings are being held fortnightly with the next meeting planned for **4:30 pm Friday 4 September**. Please contact Kaye O'Hara if you would like to know more about the Zoom catch ups on 0417 015 991. If you would like to join the Friday catch ups, contact Robyn Beard via email on rmadillo@hotmail.com or on 0412 793 122.

**We need you!**

The Club is needing more volunteers to help with the weekly housekeeping and ongoing maintenance of the clubhouse and grounds. Contact Ian Mclean 0418 991 905 to let the Committee know areas of interest and when you are available to help.

**Birthdays for September**

|          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| Peter    | Ang       |
| Alan     | Barwick   |
| Sarina   | Bonnicci  |
| Barrie   | Castieau  |
| Alan     | Coleman   |
| Nihal    | De Run    |
| Michael  | Emerson   |
| Ian      | Kennedy   |
| Benjamin | MacGeorge |
| John     | Natoli    |
| Patrick  | Quinn     |
| Howard   | Rose      |
| Rob      | Tactor    |
| Col      | Walden    |
| Celia    | Ware      |

**Thinking of you**



We hope that all club members are staying safe, well and coping with the isolation from families and bowls club friends.

- Former member Ron Brown is not well at present.
- Norma Wilkinson is recovering well from her hand operation.

If you are not doing OK, let Bernie Brennan (9807 1211) or Barbara Dance (9807 1343) know.

**Footy Tipping**

The leading tipsters after Round 14 are:

| Round 14         | Points |
|------------------|--------|
| Phil Rosengarten | 86     |
| Graeme Tempany   | 85     |
| John Fanshaw     | 84     |
| Peter Harney     | 84     |
| Kaye O'Hara      | 84     |
| Jill Anderson    | 83     |
| Sue Brennan      | 83     |
| Robin Chandler   | 83     |



**Uniform Update ????**

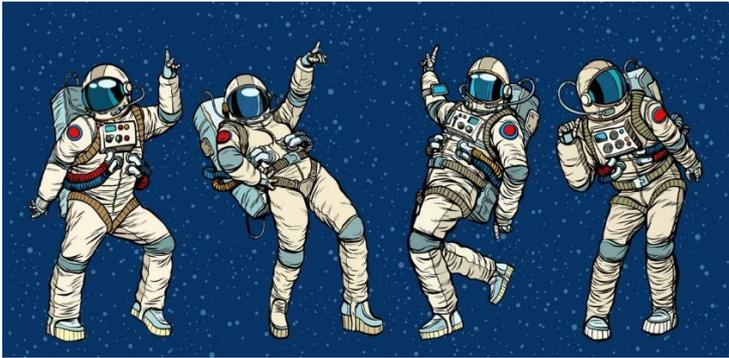
MT Waverley Bowls Club

Hi Robyn, just letting you know that our new club bowls uniform has just arrived.

They comply with Covid 19 rules, the backpack is full of hand sanitizer, hand wipes on left hip, face shields and gloves.

Please make sure to send in sizes as these are sure to be the way to in the future.

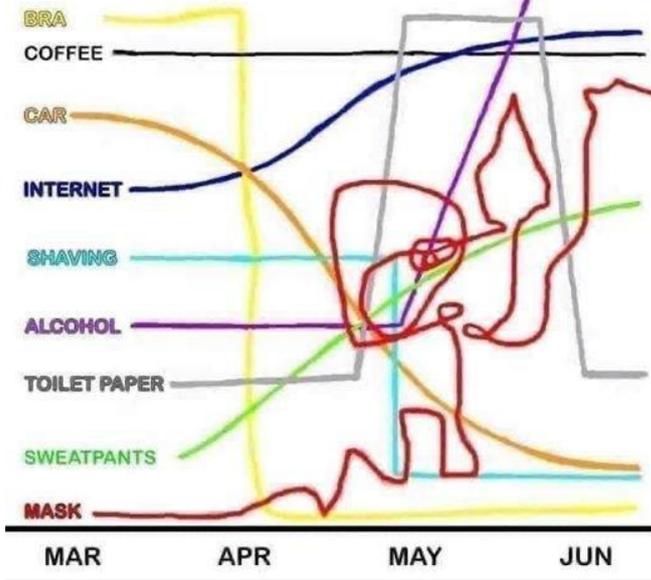
Regards Joe Bonnici



**Thank you for your contributions**

I would like to thank all the members who have been sending items to go into Bowled Over. Without your contributions, the newsletter wouldn't be as enjoyable. Please keep them coming. Robyn Beard (Editor) rmadillo@hotmail.com or on 0412 793 122.

**Relative Importance In 2020, SO Far!!**



**The Most Accurate Graph I've Seen So Far During This This Pandemic!!**



**Bowled Over Quiz**

1. Which tyre doesn't move when a car turns right?
2. What flies when it's born, lies when it's alive, and runs when it dead?
3. What kind of cheese is made backwards?
4. Why did the cat join the Red Cross?
5. What kind of insects live on the moon?
6. How can you make varnish disappear?
7. What kind of room has no doors or windows?

**For those who like cryptic challenges**

1. What is greater than God, more evil than the Devil, rich people need it, poor people have it and if you eat it you'll die?
2. Julie's dad had five daughters: June, July, August and September. What is the fifth daughter's name?
3. How many months have 28 days?
4. What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?
5. What starts with E, ends with E and has one letter in it?

And for those that want an even greater challenge

**IF 2020 WAS A MATH PROBLEM**

**If you're going down a river at 2 MPH and your canoe loses a wheel, how much pancake mix would you need to re-shingle your roof?**

Quiz Answers - next edition.

**Answers to the August Quiz:**

1. A snow house without a loo!
2. Polaroids
3. Because he had a meltdown
4. Owlgebra
5. A hotdog
6. Because seven, eight (ate) nine
7. A teapot
8. Because it has two banks.

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**Please speak to the Executive of the Club if you wish to donate to the Club and obtain more details.**



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