

BOWLED OVER

October 2020

MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.

'The friendly bowls club'

COVID-19 Update:

As per the Government's announcement on 27th September, the Club and facilities remain closed.

President's Message

Covid-19 – Stage 4 lockdown, with some easing of restrictions, continues until 19th October. Outdoor sports such as bowls, is still banned but we are hopeful that practice might resume after the 19th October. However, we must continue to wait until there are further announcements from Government and advice from Bowls Victoria regarding Pennant start dates.

We also have no indication when our Bar may reopen either. I know the Friday nighters are itching to get back to cheap beer, having a yarn and hoping to win the weekly \$100 member's draw. Let's hope it not too far away.

Overall it is a sad situation for everyone, but it seems the case numbers are declining faster than expected so further easing of restrictions may happen earlier than the Government planned.

Handbook – I mentioned last month Robyn Beard was compiling the Handbook. It will be coming out later than usual as a clearer picture emerges of the likely dates for all events – Pennant, Tournaments and Club functions.

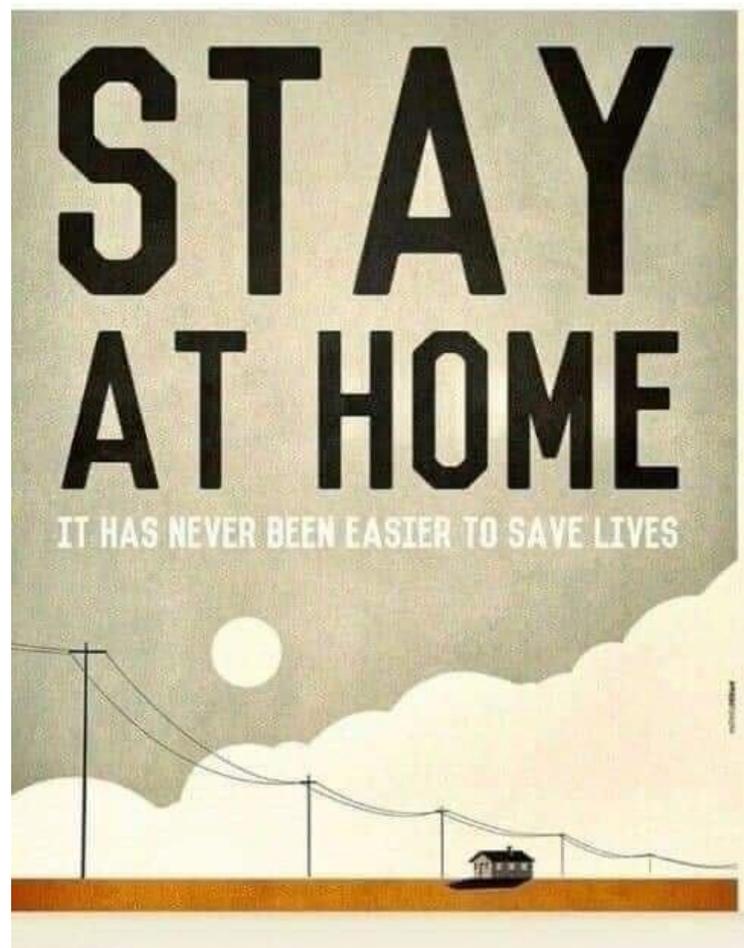
Centre Green – Our Green keeper has brought forward maintenance that would normally be carried out during the summer break but it is expected to be playable mid October – just in case practice can resume.

Administration – The Committee of Management continues to meet regularly via Zoom video. This is important for the Club to meet its many obligations and plan a way through the lockdown.

A number of other Club groups are also meeting via Zoom to keep progressing matters they are involved in. The fortnightly Zoom Friday drinks catch up is growing in popularity, so please give it a try.

Until next month, cheers.

Bruce Bennett





Is this how you been coping with 2020?

Thank you Tony Allen:

As another who wears glasses and hearing aids I was pleased to read your article in September Bowled Over. I too pleyed the needle and came up with my 'Extenda'. My glasses and aids now stay in place when the mask is taken off.

Also Joe do you like Kaye's handiwork with the scissors and clippers?

Peter O'Hara

Strategic Plan

This is the first of several short articles on the Club's Strategic Plan, designed to raise awareness of the Club's future direction. The articles are being prepared to address a need identified in the recently completed Member Survey. This first article provides a broad overview of a Strategic Plan and the planning process.

What is a Strategic Plan?

A Strategic Plan sets out a vision for the future of an organisation, how this vision will be achieved and how progress in achieving the vision will be measured. The Plan is usually developed for a 5- or 10-year period and reviewed annually.

Why does a Bowling Club need a Strategic Plan?

Your Committee of Management (COM) believes it is just as important for a Bowling Club to have a Strategic Plan as it is for any other business that wants to be successful in the longer term. Without longer term direction, a business can focus on the 'here and now' to the detriment of the longer term and overlook important trends external to the Club and within the Club itself that could impact on its future. Examples here include the local Council's policy on sports clubs and an ageing playing membership base.

How important is the process for developing a Strategic Plan?

The COM believes the process by which a Strategic Plan is developed is as important as the document itself. A successful process brings to the table a diversity of views within the Club about the future and, through discussion and debate, achieves a shared view of what outcomes we should be aiming to achieve and the best ways of achieving them.



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What's been happening around the Club while in Lockdown - Social Catch Up

The fortnightly Friday catchups via zoom continue to be popular. It has been wonderful to reconnect with those who have been able to join.

During the October football finals, we will run with a football theme. Join us in your team colours to win a prize being donated by Peter O'Hara for the best contributor.

The Zoom meetings for October are planned for **4:30 pm on Friday 9 and 23**. Please contact Kaye O'Hara to find out more about the Zoom catch ups on 0417 015 991. If you would like to join in, contact Robyn Beard via email on rmadillo@hotmail.com or on 0412 793 122.

Club Uniform - update



Which uniform do you prefer for the summer season – Joe Bonnici’s option from last edition or Jill Anderson’s above?



The succulent plantings which Lindsay has made in the East Green are gradually turning a boring old retaining wall into a vertical garden!

Nostalgia

You know, last night I had a dream
And I’m not the only one, it seems.
I dreamt I was back where once I’d been,
Having fun and on the green.

I walk up my driveway, a decision to make

Turn left or right,
Which direction to take?
Dan’s made me a roadmap
But there’s nowhere to go.
Stage 4 lockdown is such a pain, as you know.

I do yoga on Zoom,
It’s as easy as pie.
Don’t have to wear make-up,
I wear old clothes and lie
In these strange positions
Tied up in knots,
Downward dog’s a starter
But have you tried Sirsasana?

There’s plenty of sitting
Jigsaws and reading.
But please let me bowl,
That’s what I’m pleading!
Before I forget how to do it, and then
Jim won’t have much patience
If I start again.
I cost him his hair the first time around,
Oh, well, I’ll have Prosecco
I think it’s your round.

Life is dull, life is poorly,
But it will get better, surely?
Then we’ll be back where we have been,
Having fun and on the green.

Lindsay Markham

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.

Bereavement

Our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of the following club (former) members who have passed over the last month:

- Ron Brown – joined in 1992.
- Gus Allen – joined in 2012.
- Bill Noblett – joined in 1986.



JUST CHECKING TO SEE



IF Y'ALL DOING ALRIGHT

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

- Bruce Bennett recovering well after an operation.

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

Seen around Mt Waverley



Seen during daily exercise walking the streets of Mt Waverley. Submit a photo of something you have seen that brings a smile to your face to Bowled Over editor, Robyn at rmadillo@hotmail.com.

Birthdays for October

- Jill Anderson
- Bruce Bennett
- John Bridgland
- Gary Cooper
- Tom Ellis
- Lennox Holt
- Gary Howell
- Tom Kidman
- Charles Lewis
- Peter McGrath
- John Nation
- Graeme Tempany
- Margaret Vivian



Phil Rosengarten

Footy Tipping

The final footy tipping results for season 2020 are in:

Round 18	Points
Phil Rosengarten	110
Graeme Tempany	109
John Fanshaw	108
Robin Chandler	107
Kaye O'Hara	106
Jill Anderson	106
Sue Brennan	106

A big shout out and thank you to Chris for organising the footy tipping throughout this very strange season.



Bowled Over Quiz

1. What can never be put in a saucepan?
2. I have seas without water, coasts without sand, towns without people and mountains without land. What am I?
3. I don't have eyes, but once I did see. Once I had thoughts, but now I'm white and empty. What am I?
4. A man shaves several times a day, yet he still has a beard. Who is this man?
5. What begins with a T, ends with a T, and has T in it?
6. What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?
7. Mary was born on December 25, yet her birthday is always in summer. How is this possible?

For those who like cryptic challenges

1. How can a pocket be empty but still have something in it?
2. What can you hear but not feel, see, taste or touch?
3. What word becomes shorter when you add letters to it
4. What is at the end of the rainbow?
5. How many seconds are in a year?

Quiz Answers - next edition.



We need you!

Our Club is run entirely on a volunteer basis and like other situations, many hands make light work. Volunteering around the Club is yet another fun way to connect and socialize with your fellow MWBC members. If you would like to join the fun, please contact **Ian Mclean 0418 991 905** for further details.

Throughout this newsletter are photos of spring flowers (old favourites) from the Club's gardens, taken by David Rae – one of the areas you too can volunteer around the Club.

Pet Captions!



“Crocodile is happy today – she hasn’t needed CPR from Kayla”- our golden (non) retriever.

What have your pets been up to during Covid? Send your photos with caption to the Bowled Over editor, Robyn at rmadillo@hotmail.com.

You too can help the Club

Looking for a way to financially support the Club and receive a personal tax deduction? We have several projects that we are seeking funding – new club furniture, new logo’s, BBQ equipment, scoreboards and clubhouse repairs.

All claims for a tax deduction of \$2 and over are subject to being accepted by the Australian Taxation Office, who can be contacted for professional advice if either an individual or business is uncertain of their taxation position.

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



Answers to the September Bowled Over Quiz:

1. The spare tyre
2. Snowflakes
3. Edam - M A D E
4. So it could become a first aid kit
5. Lunatic’s (lunar-ticks)
6. Take the ‘r’ out
7. A mushroom.

Answers to the September Cryptic Quiz:

1. Nothing
2. Julie
3. All of them
4. The letter ‘m’
5. An envelope.

Greater Challenge Answer:

42 of course for those that can remember The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy!

So I got a toilet duck but it hasn't made it any cleaner and just bites anyone who wants to use it now

