

# BOWLED OVER

May 2021

## MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.

### *'The friendly bowls club'*

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - May 2021**

##### **COVID**

The State Government has mandated that all venues must use the Government's QR Code sign in system. The existing system will be replaced by Wednesday 5 May. The paper sign in will not be available, so all members and visitors must sign in electronically using a smart phone.

If you do not have a smart phone or access to the internet on your phone you can get another member or visitor to sign you in. To assist the Club will install an iPad in the foyer with access to the QR system to provide the electronic sign in.

Please do the right thing and sign in - it is a requirement. This process is designed to improve contact tracing in the event of Covid outbreaks in the community.

##### **Club Dinner and Presentation Evening**

The Dinner and Presentation Evening was held on 30 April with 80 in attendance. It was a fun evening; the meal was excellent and the speeches and presentations were well received. There was a Quiz and many raffle prizes.

Invited and special guests were:

- Mayor of Monash City Council - Brian Little.
- State Member of Parliament for Mount Waverley - Matt Fregon.
- from our key sponsors: -
  - Barry Plant Real Estate – Carolyn Barton.
  - Bendigo Bank Pinewood – Bronson Justus.
  - Hamilton Place Travel – Ian Jackson, Nicki Collins, Karen Johnson.

Each of the above provided a short speech to the gathering.

Club Championships medals and certificates were presented, over '80' badges and Club Member of the Year was announced.

Graeme Robinson was awarded the honour of Club Member of the Year in recognition of his years of service to the Club for repairs and maintenance work.

Well done Graeme – well deserved.

##### **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The AGM is scheduled for Thursday 6 May 2021 at 7:00pm in the Clubhouse. Details of the Agenda, Club Annual Report and Minutes from last year have been sent out and available in the foyer. As I indicated last month I will be standing down as President and hence there will be changes to the Office Bearers which will be announced at the AGM.

##### **Pennant Bowls**

The Pennant finals concluded in April and the Club performed very well – particularly our top Sides in the Weekend and Midweek competitions. Both Sides won their Section and then played in Divisional finals. The Weekend Side was promoted to Division 2 and the Midweek Side, already in Division 2, just fell short of being promoted to Division 1. Well done to all the bowlers involved.

##### **Council Lease**

The Club leases the land from Council where the greens and surrounds are situated. This includes the walkway/driveway up to the Clubhouse main door. The current 15 year lease terminates in October this year and Council has begun the process of reviewing an extension of the Lease. A large amount of material has been submitted to support an extension and discussions will be held with Council over coming months. This is a major issue for the Club.

##### **Club Clean-up**

The COM decided there was too much 'historical clutter' in the Clubhouse and the green keepers shed. Two clean up days were arranged in April to remove/recycle items no longer required or necessary. The place looks much better, so thanks to all those who helped out.

This will be my last 'Message' as President.

It has been a privilege to be President of this great Club but I step down knowing it will be in good hands with those serving on the COM. I extend my thanks to those who have assisted me along the way.

Regards,

Bruce Bennett, President



Members and guest enjoying the presentations.

## MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLS CLUB

### PRESENTATION NIGHT – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

As a good friend of mine used to say: “*If you don’t blow your own trumpet nobody else will !!*” and that’s what a presentation night is all about, celebrating the great achievements of the year.

#### So, we had a series of presentations:

The President, Bruce Bennett, extended a welcome to all, highlighting a number of special guests including Brian Little, Mayor of City of Monash Council, Matt Fregon our local State Member of Parliament, and representatives of our key sponsors, Barry Plant Real Estate, Bendigo Bank, Hamilton Place Travel. He reminded us all that this had been a tough year because of COVID-19. This not only disrupted our enjoyment of the greens but also burnt a big hole in our finances. (full details in the Treasurer’s Report at the AGM!). This was offset, financially, by a windfall gain (\$216,000) from the sale of the Southern Indoor Bowling Centre where a number of MWBC teams had played. This will be a welcome addition to our reserve fund.

On the playing side this has been a wonderful year for the Club with the Weekend Pennant First Team successfully winning promotion to Division 2 and the Midweek Pennant First Team winning their Section.

Bruce then handed over to Alan Sharp to MC the rest of the evening and Alan took delight in **presenting us** with our problem for the night – a geographical quiz!

**Dinner was then served**, roast beef, roast pork and all the trimmings beautifully catered for by Ken’s Catering – our regular trusty caterer – always with just that little bit extra for those who love to have “seconds”!

A quick advertising break! – A **presentation from our sponsors.**

Carolyn Barton continues the long-term Barton Family association with the Club and in addition, through Barry plant, provides specific benefit to the Club of \$1000 when any member sells their property thorough the firm.



Sponsor – Carolyn (& birthday girl) from Barry Plant Real Estate

Bendigo Bank has generously supported the playing side of the Club through the sponsorship of new Club shirts and the donation of sets of new bowls to encourage new members in their coaching.



Sponsor – Bronson from Bendigo Bank

Both the Mayor, Brian Little, on behalf of Monash Council and our State Member, Matt Fregon, provided COVID related Packages which allowed us to improve the member facilities and to facilitate Zoom meetings of members and committees.



Jill Anderson – grants champion – receiving grants from Monash Mayor  
Brian Little





State Member Mt Waverley – Matt Fregon

Hamilton Travel and PK Meats in addition to regular contributions during the year provided special gifts for the raffle.



Sponsor – Nicky from Hamilton Place Travel

## Now to the serious presentations!



Perpetual Singles Champion Trophy – Jenny Roberts & Richard Sluggett

David Rae as Club Championship Convenor set the scene for the individual presentations.

Despite COVID, which delayed the start of competitions by three months, and despite the pressure on many players later in the season because for our success in Pennant, not only did we see an increase in a number of participants this year but we finished all events in time for this dinner, even if the Triples Final was only played on Thursday!! A fantastic effort by all concerned.

This has been a good year for new names on the Honour Boards which is a healthy sign for the club.

Jenny Roberts won the Ladies Singles after a tightly fought game with Sarina Bonnici.

## Presentation of Club Championships by our President – Bruce Bennett:



Ladies Singles Champion – Jenny Roberts



Ladies Singles Finalist – Sarina Bonnici

Brad Matheson, with an old hand in Bernie Brennan, won the Mens Pairs in a game that went to the last end against last year's finalists Joe Bonnici and David Rae.



Mens Pairs Champions – Brad Matheson (pictured) & Bernie Brennan



Mens Pairs Finalists – Joe Bonnici & David Rae

Peter Harney deserved an award for bravery fighting off constant pain in his bowling arm to win the 100 UP, defeating Minh Vo. We all thought he had gone to the bar to buy us a drink at the finish, but we found him with his hand in the ice bucket!!!



100 Up Champion – Peter Harney

100 Up Finalist – Minh Vo

Michael Banbury, in his last chance as a novice, held on to win from David Beard. We think we need to revise the definition of “novice” as we now have three “novices” playing in the first team!! This, it should be said, is a compliment to our coaching.



Single Novice Champion – Michael Banbury

Singles Novice Finalist – David Beard

In the other events, Richard Sluggett retained his Men’s Singles title in a game which looked like a runaway win but ended up a “close run thing”!



Men’s Singles Champion – Richard Sluggett



Men’s Single Finalist – Minh Vo

Jenny Roberts and David Rae came from behind to beat Jill Anderson and Jim Fary in the Mixed Pairs.



Mixed Pairs Champions – Jenny Roberts & David Rae



Mixed Pairs Finalists – Jill Anderson (pictured) & Jim Fary



Jill Anderson was rewarded for her determination to submit a team for the Triples. Jill with Gary Cooper and Richard Sluggett defeated Graeme Tempny, Michael Banbury and Minh Vo in the Triples Final.



Triples Champions – Richard Sluggett, Jill Anderson (pictured) & Gary Cooper



Triples Finalists: Minh Vo, Graeme Tempny & Michael Banbury

## And then, a presentation for the big team efforts.

Barrie Epstein as Vice President and Head of Bowls was delighted to present to the President the two BowlsVic Pennants to celebrate:

- Weekend Pennant Team 1 – Division 3. Section 10 Winners.
- **This means promotion to Division 2 next year.**



Saturday pennant winners (some of the team members)

## Mount Waverley Bowls Club Champions 2020 / 2021

<b>Men's Singles Champion</b>	<b>Richard Sluggett</b>
Finalists	Minh Vo
<b>Ladies Singles Champion</b>	<b>Jenny Roberts</b>
Finalists	Sarina Bonnici
<b>Men's Pairs Champions</b>	<b>Brad Matheson &amp; Bernie Brennan (skip)</b>
Finalists	Joe Bonnici & David Rae (skip)
<b>Mixed Pairs Champions</b>	<b>Jenny Roberts &amp; David Rae (skip)</b>
Finalists	Jill Anderson & Jim Fary (skip)
<b>Open 100 Up Champion</b>	<b>Peter Harney</b>
Finalist	Minh Vo
<b>Novices Singles Champion</b>	<b>Michael Banbury</b>
Finalist	David Beard
<b>Open Triples Champions</b>	<b>Jill Anderson, Gary Cooper, Richard Sluggett (skip)</b>
Finalist	Graeme Tempny, Michael Banbury, Minh Vo (skip)

## Congratulations to all for their participation!

- Midweek Pennant Team 1 – Division 2 Section 8 winners.



Tuesday pennant winners (some of the team members)

Barrie emphasised that this was the best year for the Club for some time , especially as the Weekend Team won its finals comfortably and won promotion after several unsuccessful attempts in recent years. It is worth noting that Team 1 did not lose a home game.

The season record for the Weekend Pennant Team is on the Club Notice board.

## And something for the Golden Oldies!!

Richard Sluggett presented badges to the Over-80s members



Kathy Johnston Over 80's Badge recipient

## Lastly – a very important Annual Award - Club Member of the Year

Graeme Robinson is known around the Club as Mr Fixit for the very simple reason that whenever we have some form of building or equipment problem, the first port of call is Graeme. He has been a stalwart member of the Monday morning Buildings and Grounds Team for many years and this award recognises his tremendous commitment to the Club.



Ian McLean accepting the club member of the year award on behalf of Graeme Robinson presented by Mayor Brian Little – well deserved winner!



Graeme Robertson with the Monday indoor team

## Time for a bit of light relief!! - answers to the Quiz

How many people found a capital city starting with an. "X"!!! My Table thought we had done quite well getting to 18 but – not good enough. Little did we know that the winning table included two representatives of Hamilton Travel. If we had known this, we would have asked for a handicap to be imposed!!

**Then the raffle** – this seemed to go on for ever – a tribute to the generosity of members and sponsors as to the range of gifts available for choice. It was, however, no surprise, in this COVID year, that the last item left for a winner was – a jigsaw !!!!

A big thank you to our sponsors, Hamilton Place Travel for providing two \$100 travel vouchers, and PK meats for the fresh meat tray. Congratulation to all our raffle prize winners.

## Major Raffle Winners:

\$100 Travel Voucher – Michelle Sharp

\$100 Travel Voucher – Maryanne Hopkins

Meat Tray – Graeme Tempany

The president closed the evening, thanking everyone for their contribution to a fun evening and wishing all present a safe journey home.

David Rae



PK Free Range Butchers Mt Waverley Village for your free-range meat, chicken and fish supplies.

### Club Polo Tops:

Jill Anderson and Kaye O'Hara have completed an audit of the available club tops. If you would like to buy another top contact Jill on 0414 516 714. The available stock list is below:

Stock take 29/4/2021	Cost Short Sleeve \$45.00	Cost Long Sleeve \$50.00
<b>Ladies sizes</b>		
10 SS		
10 LS		2
10 Fitted SS	1	
10 Fitted LS		
12 SS	1	
12 LS		2
14 SS	2	
14 LS		1
16 SS	5	
16 LS		
18 SS	1	
18 LS		1
<b>Men's sizes</b>		
Small SS		
Small LS		
Medium SS	3	
Medium LS		3
Large SS	5	
Large LS		4
XL SS	3	
XL LS		6

### Did You Know?

You can get your name embroidered on your new polo top at Austcoast Embroidery, Oakleigh for \$6.50. This firm has already embroidered names on many of our members' polos.

Turnround time is usually one or two days, so now that the Pennant season is over, please take advantage of the extra time between washes to personalise your polo for next bowls season.

Besides looking more professional, it helps with the introductions!

### New Members:

We welcome to the following new members to the Club:

- Warren Hill
- Alan Raymant

### Winter Social Bowls:



Winter Social Bowls commence on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May. We thank our sponsors, Ryman's, Barry Plant and Tyrepower for their support. We also thank the club members who have also sponsored some of the winter social days. See the club calendar for who is sponsoring which days.

A big thank you to Howard Rose for organizing the sponsors and Alan Sharp for allocation of days and contacting the sponsors.

### Club Calendar – What's happening May / June?

Checkout what is happening around the Club in the calendar for May and June at the end of the newsletter. Also see who is having a birthday in May.



**Football Tipping Results:**

Thank you to Chris for collating the football tipping results.

The current leading tipsters after Round 7 are:

TIPPER	TOTAL
Kevin Pendlebury	46
Chris Cullinan	45
Kaye O'Hara	44
Gail Stevens	43
Katie Cullinan	43
Norma Wilkinson	43
Peter Armstrong	43
John Fanshaw	43
Kaye Callea	43
Bruce Morley	43
Luke Kerry	43

**Have you checked out?**

Checkout the MWBC Facebook site and MWBC website for photos and other information on what is going on around the Club. Thanks to Jill Anderson (Facebook Administrator) and Barrie Epstein (website Administrator)

**Bowled Over Quiz**

This month's quiz is being held over to the next Edition.

**April Quiz Answers**

1. The future
2. All the people on the boat are married
3. Your right elbow
4. A coin
5. A deck of cards
6. One, two and three
7. Three
8. Stone
9. Footsteps
10. A coffin

## YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING THE CLUB'S COVIDSAFE PLAN:

**MWBC MEMBERS COVIDSAFE CHECKLIST****COVID CHECKLIST – Pennant / Social Bowls**

- Register arrival via QR code. Pennant players will be signed-in via BowlsLink for matches only.
- Maintain 1.5m social distance
- Wear mask when directed
- Only one home player to update scoreboard

**COVID CHECKLIST – Use of Clubhouse**

- Register using QR code when entering Clubhouse
- Sanitise hands when entering Clubhouse
- Observe number limits for each area – signs at entry points
- Maintain 1.5m social distance

**Bar:**

- Tabs will be run for payment by credit card
- Tables to be cleaned and sanitised by patrons after each use
- Cleaning kits available from the bar



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b>	31					<b>1</b>
Christ Covenant Church 10:30 -4:00	Executive meeting 8:30  Reach & Belong					Saturday Social Bowls starting 10:30am
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
Christ Covenant Church 10:30 -4:00          <b>Ian McLean</b>	Executive meeting 8:30  Reach & Belong          <b>Edna Deans</b>		Social Bowls (club member sponsor) starting 10:30am	Chirpy Hearts          <b>AGM – 7pm</b>	U3A  Bowling with Babies  Social drinks 4:30 – 6:30          <b>Ken Johnston</b>	Saturday Social Bowls starting 10:30am          <b>Joan Anderson</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
Christ Covenant Church 10:30 -4:00	Reach & Belong	CoM meeting 3:00 – 5:00	Social Bowls – Barry Plant starting 10:30am	Chirpy Hearts	U3A  Bowling with Babies  Social drinks 4:30 – 6:30	Saturday Social Bowls starting 10:30am
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Christ Covenant Church 10:30 -4:00	Executive meeting 8:30  Reach & Belong		Social Bowls – Ryman starting 10:30am          <b>Bruce Kendrick</b>	Chirpy Hearts	U3A  Bowling with Babies  Social drinks 4:30 – 6:30	Saturday Social Bowls starting 10:30am
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
Christ Covenant Church 10:30 -4:00	Executive meeting 8:30  Reach & Belong	David Hutchinson	Social Bowls – Barry Plant starting 10:30am  CoM meeting 4:00 – 6:00          <b>Reg Rowson</b>	Chirpy Hearts	U3A  Bowling with Babies  Social drinks 4:30 – 6:30          <b>Lynda Banbury</b>	Saturday Social Bowls starting 10:30am

# JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Christ Covenant Church 10:30 -4:00	Executive meeting 8:30  Reach & Belong		Social Bowls – Barry Plant starting 10:30am  CoM meeting 4:00 – 6:00		U3A  Social drinks 4:30 – 6:30  Zoom Social Catch-up 4:30-5:30	Saturday Social Bowls starting 10:30am
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Christ Covenant Church 10:30 -4:00	Executive meeting 8:30  Reach & Belong		Social Bowls – Tyrepower starting 10:30am  CoM meeting 4:00 – 6:00		U3A  Social drinks 4:30 – 6:30	Saturday Social Bowls starting 10:30am
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			
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