



# BOWLED OVER

July 2021

## MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.

*'The friendly bowls club'*

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT – July 2021

Hi Club Members.

Another interesting month for Mt Waverley Bowls Club. At the start of June, the Club was locked down and we didn't open back up until the 11<sup>th</sup>, when we were able to re-start all of the normal activities including the Friday Social Drinks and our Winter Social bowls competition.

This also allowed some of our community hub clientele to be able to get back to their activities at the Club. Unfortunately, our lovely church group that have been hiring the Club on Sundays, have decided to part ways with us. They had their last service with us on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June. Robyn and David Beard were asked by the Church to attend their lunch break where the Club was presented with a lovely plaque as a memento of their time with us. The Club thanks Josh and his parishioners and wish them all the best in the future.

As I write my report, members that have been at the club in the last few days will have noticed lots of workmen being terribly busy up on the roof doing the repairs that we organised. Many thanks go to Ian McLean and Graeme Robinson for organising this. No more water leaks at the Club. The work on fixing the surrounds of the centre green has also commenced and should be finished shortly. Thanks to Joe Bonnici and Michael our greens keeper for getting this on the go.

The Club has commenced its negotiations with Monash Council re the renewal of our lease and we are having our first face to face meeting with the Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July. We will keep you informed of any progress as we move through this important process.

The other extremely exciting event to happen this year is the construction of our "Social Deck" in front of the Clubroom. Last month we held two Club meetings via Zoom to help answer any questions or bring up suggestions about the Deck. These were well attended, and we are now moving into the more detailed design phase.

Have you recorded the Club Mobile Number?

**0478 952 026**

Please look at the report from the Steering Committee in the newsletter for more details. The CoM is actively looking at a budget for the project but until we get a more detailed perspective of the actual cost, we cannot advise you yet of how much the project will cost. Watch this space.

Bowls Victoria have put out their upcoming pennant competition schedule, which has been provided to all playing members. The Club will be participating in the nine-a-side pre-season competition running in September as well as having full scale practice matches in early October. The Opening Breakfast will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August. A list will be provided shortly in the foyer to add your names to.

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July, for the Friday Night Social drinks, the Social Committee will be providing hot food, sausage rolls and mini hot-dogs and other nibbles from 4:30PM onwards. Come along and enjoy the night. A gold coin donation cup will be on the tables.

The CoM are preparing the yearly calendar of events from September onwards and will provide an electronic copy to all members when ready.

Lots of activities on the go and I encourage your help and support for them as we move forward. Please stay well and safe and we will see each other very soon.

Be well.

Barrie Epstein

**Progress on the Social Deck**

G'day folks. We get lots of comments these days asking for progress on the deck. That's good - it shows people feel involved. We are always happy to receive constructive suggestions and we will try our best to resolve any concerns. One the particular concerns raised recently was that members would not be able to see the green because of the hand-rail that would be built along the front of the deck. NOT SO!.....

We are looking at a well-designed slim stainless-steel handrail with slim wires between similar to the one in the Frankston Bowling Club below. A safety rail is necessary to stop all of us old codgers and the tiny bouncing bowling babies from falling over the edge! This will also allow members and visitors to sit out comfortably on the deck in a summer's eve and watch play from a higher level than before.

Before going too far ahead of ourselves on detail, we are currently checking major issues through geotechnical advice, disability ramp design advice, etc. We are also keeping a close eye on costs. When we are a bit further down the track, we will make a presentation to members.

In the meantime,.....I have said it before and I'll say it again, if you have any questions, my phone number is 0409 958 280; so give me a call or contact Barrie Epstein on 0431 966 449.

DAVID RAE

We want to thank David Rae and the Steering Committee for all the work they have already undertaken to date. David and his team are working hard to ensure we have a deck that we can be proud of and used by all club members and visitors.

**Club Working Bee**

Help the Club prepare for the Council hard rubbish collection at 9:00 – 10:00 Saturday 24 July.

Send your name via email to [info@mwbc.com.au](mailto:info@mwbc.com.au) if you can help.

Bring your gloves and remember – many hands make light work!

**Competition – Name Change**

We have a variety of groups that use the Club for barefoot bowls, work functions, celebrations, and birthday parties. These are currently labelled “Corporate Events” but this doesn't adequately reflect the diverse functions that we host.

Can you come up with a better name for these events? The Club is offering a prize for the member that nominates the best name.

Submit your nomination/s to [info@mwbc.com.au](mailto:info@mwbc.com.au) by 30 July.

**Social Committee**

Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events:

- Social Friday night drinks with nibbles - 16<sup>th</sup> July
- Opening breakfast - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August
- Opening dinner - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October
- Melbourne Cup Day family and friends - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- Christmas function- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**Rose Pruning Demonstration**

Come with your rose growing friends and learn from the rose experts.

The Rose Society of Victoria will be holding a rose pruning demonstration at the Club from 1:30 to 2:30 this Sunday 11 July.

Neutrog organic rose fertilizers will also be on sale but with limited supplies, you will need to get in early.



Reach & Belong runs group activities for adults and teenagers with disabilities and being based in a venue such as the Club has so many advantages. One of the things I love about the Club is how welcoming and inclusive everyone is towards our participants and programs. It is one thing to offer programs that meet individual needs but to be able to do so in the midst of other community activities is very powerful.

Over the week of Monday June 28-Friday July 2, Reach & Belong was at the Club running our school holiday program for teenagers with disabilities. From strawberry muffins to medieval board games, it was a week of engagement, socialisation and lots of fun.



Club members may have seen some of our participants out on the green on Wednesday June 30. The inclusion of our participants to be on the same green as members was wonderful with some players giving our group some particularly useful tips. One of our participants loved lawn bowls so much – not to mention that he is so good at it - that he and I had another go the next day. Having this flexibility to be able to respond to a participant's request to do something they are interested in is so important and is something we can offer with the Club's support.

Other than being on an excursion on the Tuesday we were in the Club for the rest of the week doing science experiments, running a drama program that ranged from Greek period drama to time travel improvisation, portrait sketching using charcoals, cooking, board game design and paper crafts including origami, postage stamp design and 'exploding' boxes.



On Monday during our cooking program, one of the Club members came in to look at the donated fridge. He ended up being in the thick of our cooking program, cleaning the fridge and chatting with us. This was the day of the strawberry muffins where we were discussing the benefits of cooking with fresh vs frozen strawberries and he told us his wife ALWAYS cooks with frozen strawberries!!!



If our participants feel like they belong and are part of a community this is so empowering. If ever you are at the Club and see us there, please come and say hi and meet our most amazing dedicated team of instructors and our incredible participants. Our groups are so much fun.

During the term we are in the Club kitchen on a Monday afternoon with a highly successful cooking/health & nutrition program for young adults with disabilities. This program has been running from the Club kitchen since February and we are so proud of what we are achieving in this weekly session. We are looking forward to extending our days at the Club.

You may notice from the photos in this article that there are no photos of participants. Due to protection orders and privacy issues, we have a very strict policy of not taking or posting photos of any participants without written consent.

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**Sponsorship**

With our sponsorship drive for 2021/22 about to commence, it is timely to shine a light on our sponsors.

We are indeed fortunate in having such supportive and loyal sponsors, without whom we would struggle to survive financially.

Prior to COVID last year, we had a total of 36 sponsors who either advertised or supported tournaments and events. An analysis of 7 adjoining bowling clubs shows that we have twice as many sponsors as the next placed Club. How good is that?

Our sponsors are also very loyal – 75% of our pre-COVID sponsors continued to support us last year whilst experiencing difficult business conditions. Well done sponsors!

The aim of our sponsorship drive this year is to regain some of the sponsors ‘lost’ last year and to recruit new ones. Seventeen Club members have volunteered to approach past and potential new sponsors during July/August. Many thanks to you all and good luck with your efforts!

As sponsorship is a two-way street, what are we offering our sponsors in return?

At a Club level, we are inviting sponsors to social events such as the Presentation Dinner and will do the same on similar occasions in future. We are also offering sponsors the use of our facilities for business planning or social purposes.

In addition, the Club is planning to hold an inaugural Sponsors Day on Sunday 26 September in the afternoon. The event will take the form of ‘light competition’ between mixed teams of sponsors and their families and Club members, followed by a BBQ and drinks. Please put this date in your diaries and ensure this event is a raging success!

At the individual level, members can assist by:  
Familiarising yourself with our sponsors (see Website)  
Using our sponsor’s services as much as you can  
If sponsors do not know you, introduce yourself and let them know where you are from (sponsors really appreciate this!)  
Referring your family and friends to our sponsors.

**GO TO IT!!**

Howard Rose



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

**You too can help the Club**

Looking for a way to financially support the Club and receive a personal tax deduction? We are currently focusing our fundraising efforts on the furnishing of the new Social Deck.

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.

**Footy's Tipping:**

From Chris: Another round done and dusted (and so to the DEES unfortunately!)

For a short time we had all teams in Victoria.

The leading tipsters after Round 16 are:

Round 16	Points
Kevin Pendlebury	95
Chris Cullinan	94
Bruce Morley	94
Richard Peterson	93
Peter Armstrong	93
Kaye Callea	92
John Fanshaw	92
Tennent Emerson	91
Norma Wilkinson	91
Katie Cullinan	90
Janet Cullinan	90
Richard Sluggett	90
Bruce Bennett	90

**Who else has been using the club?:**

The Lions Club of Waverley Inc celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Changeover Luncheon at MWBC on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July.





**Oh! the challenges!**

When our IT systems  
 Don't do what we want  
 Things get lost  
 Corruption occurs  
 To all the files  
 Restoration only  
 Half happens  
 Then the document  
 Does it's own thing!  
 Oh the frustration!!!

But keep on going  
 Take a deep breath  
 Grab a coffee  
 Take another breath  
 Have another go.....

An then it happens all again.....

But with many a coffee  
 (or should it have been stronger)  
 Help from plenty  
 July's Bowled Over  
 Is able to come to you.

Frustrated Editor

**Bowled Over Quiz**

**June Quiz Answers**

1. Darkness
2. Your name
3. A cold
4. A library
5. Four sisters and three brothers
6. The letter "r"
7. Queue
8. Money
9. Put a 'g' in front of it and it is 'gone'
10. A doughnut

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

**MWBC MEMBERS COVIDSAFE CHECKLIST**

**COVID CHECKLIST – Pennant / Social Bowls**

- Register arrival via QR code
- Maintain 1.5m social distance
- Wear mask as directed
- All players to sanitise hands every 6 ends
- Only leads to touch mat and jack and sanitise before using.
- Skips to align jack with foot and to use lifter to retrieve jack from ditch or move mat.
- Mark touchers with spray or liquid chalk only
- Only one home player to update scoreboard
- Sanitise before and after each use of bowls rake / scoop
- Don't touch other players or their bowls
- Don't share pens or other personal equipment
- Sanitise tap after filling own water bottle from water fountain

**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:**

- Tables to be cleaned and sanitised by patrons after each use
- Cleaning kits available from the bar

# JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					U3A Social drinks 4:30 – 6:30	Social Bowls 10:30
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Graeme Robertson	Executive meeting 8:30  Reach & Belong  Les Adams		Social Bowls 10:30		U3A  Social drinks 4:30 – 6:30	Social Bowls 10:30  Joe Ventura
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
RSV Rose Pruning Demonstration 1:30 - 2:30	Executive meeting 8:30  Reach & Belong	Rose Society meeting	Social Bowls 10:30  Reach & Belong  Peter Crelin		U3A  Social drinks 4:30 – 6:30 Social Club providing hot nibbles – Gold coin donation	Social Bowls 10:30
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Executive meeting 8:30  Reach & Belong  Andrew Stewart	CoM 3-5pm  Barry Jarred Walter Lai	Social Bowls 10:30  Reach & Belong  Richard Sluggett		U3A  Social drinks 4:30 – 6:30  Gareth Husband	Social Bowls 10:30
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
David Rae	Executive meeting 8:30  Reach & Belong	Alan Sharp Luke Kerry	Social Bowls 10:30  Reach & Belong		U3A  Social drinks 4:30 – 6:30	Social Bowls 10:30

# AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
	Executive meeting 8:30  Reach & Belong		Social Bowls 10:30  Reach & Belong		U3A  Social drinks 4:30 – 6:30	Social Bowls 10:30
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
	Executive meeting 8:30  Reach & Belong	Rose Society AGM	Social Bowls 10:30		U3A  Social drinks 4:30 – 6:30	Social Bowls 10:30
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
	Executive meeting 8:30  Reach & Belong		Social Bowls 10:30		U3A  Social drinks 4:30 – 6:30 <b>Social Club providing hot nibbles – Gold coin donation</b>	Social Bowls 10:30
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	Executive meeting 8:30  Reach & Belong		Social Bowls 10:30  CoM meeting		U3A  Social drinks 4:30 – 6:30	<b>Opening Breakfast 8:00am</b>  Social Bowls 10:30
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
	Executive meeting 8:30  Reach & Belong					