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## MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.

*'The friendly bowls club'*

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Club Members.

As I write this report and we head into the Xmas and New Year holiday period, our lives are approaching some normality re pre-Covid times. People are out and about enjoying family and friends, having holidays and just being able to do the things we love. Our Bowls Club is back doing all the bowls and other activities that we enjoy even with the need to be vaccinated and check in when we arrive at the Club. Our Pennant seasons have commenced, and all our sides are very well positioned as we head into the holiday break. I am sure that all players are enjoying their bowls with their fellow members. Wednesday Social Bowls will restart on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January. Friday Social Drinks will not take place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January (New Year's Eve). Midweek Pennant restarts on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, Weekend Pennant restarts on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of January and Night Pennant restarts on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

The Social Deck is in the final stage of technical design and then will proceed to the permit planning stage. We anticipate that construction of the deck will be in late March/early April. Thank-you to the Steering Committee for all their hard work on reaching this point.

Monash Council has put the negotiations for the renewal of our lease (and that of the other three bowls Clubs in Monash) on hold pending the development of a Monash Strategic Plan for Bowls. David Beard and Peter McDonald represented the Club at a meeting between these the Monash bowls clubs and Council officers and we await the Council's minutes from this meeting to forward to Club members. We will keep you informed of any progress as we move through this important process.

With our new deck project underway we would like to renew the appearance of the Clubhouse. This may include modernising the interior, e.g. Foyer, improving the outside of the Club and providing furniture and heating for the deck. COM are re-opening the Rebuild the Mount fundraising opportunity to provide either a direct donation via a funds transfer to the Club's account or a credit card payment over the bar or via a tax-deductible donation through the Australian Sports Foundation.

Since late November, the Club has managed 17 corporate and private functions which has been a lot of work for the wonderful volunteers that have helped make sure that all our guests have enjoyed themselves. I cannot thank enough our club members who support our endeavors re functions, which generate much needed income for the Club. We have more functions scheduled for the New Year so I will need your support to manage these events and I will be calling on you to volunteer and provide your time. I will be providing sheets in the foyer for each event.

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of December, we held our Club Xmas Dinner, where 86 Club members and partners attend as well as Gladys Liu (Federal Member of Parliament), Matt Fregon (State Member of Parliament) and Lorelle King from Ryman Healthcare (Major Sponsor). It was a fantastic night, and everyone enjoyed good food and the company of our members. I cannot thank enough the wonderful efforts of our Social Committee well lead by Kaye O'Hara who managed the function. Special mention to Michelle Chan who provided the delicious deserts, Joe and Sarina Bonnici for preparing the ham and finally Peter O'Hara and Ray Chan who were the BBQ chefs extraordinaire. Alan Sharp did a wonderful job as MC and our bar staff were always helpful. I look forward to next full Club function for our Club Presentation Night to be scheduled for a date to be advised in April 2022.

I wish everyone a merry Xmas and New Year and that you all have a chance to catch up with family and friends and celebrate. Please stay safe and well and we will all see each other in 2022.

Barrie Epstein

**A few photos from the Club Christmas Dinner:**



**Federal MP Gladys Liu with some of our amazing volunteers**



**One of our wonderful karaoke singers**



**State MP Matt Fregon enjoying time with club members**



**Some of the club members enjoying their meal**



Lorelle King from Rymans chatting with club members



Matt Fregon with the club pairs champions 20/21

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



Gladys Liu with Barrie Epstein beside the fridge she donated to the club

**We appreciate all your efforts in ensuring a very success MWBC Christmas Dinner:**

Kaye O'Hara, her Social Committee (Sarina Bonnici, Connie Epstein, Irene Harney, Alan Sharp) and the Bar team.

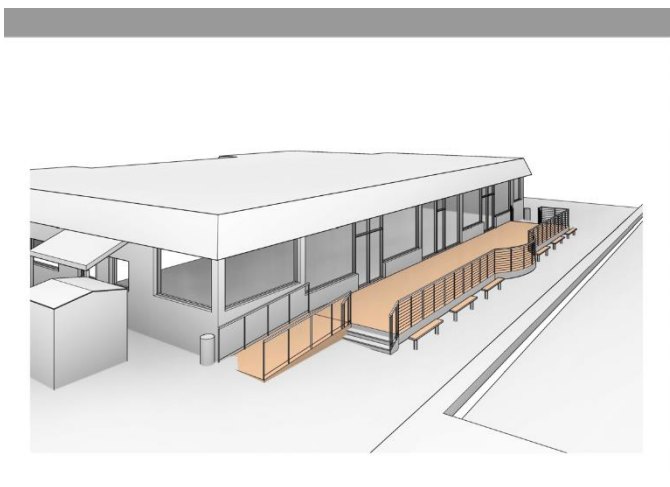
Other Volunteers included:

- Bev Wong,
- Michelle Chan (deserts),
- Ray Chan (BBQ),
- Peter O'Hara (BBQ),
- Joe Bonnici (Baked Ham),
- Barrie Epstein,
- Kath Johnston (Christmas decoration for the tables).

We wish to thank the following who provided items for the raffle:

- Norma Wilkinson (Cake)
- Michelle Chan (Cake)
- Connie Epstein (Hamper)
- Rymans (2 Hampers)

**MWBC Social Deck Update: -**



Over the past few months, the Club's architectural and engineering consultants have developed the final design for the social deck. The overall concept is as shown below.

The main deck will be some 22m long. x 3.6m wide focussed on the centre of the Clubhouse with direct access from the bar/lounge, the main entrance, and the committee room.

Disabled access will be available from the west end via a fully compliant ramp, and this will be supplemented by steps at both east and west ends. An extended "arc" in the centre of the deck will provide an enhanced viewing point for the centre green.

Before we can proceed with an application to the City of Monash for a planning permit, we must obtain the approval of Yarra Valley Water and Melbourne Water. This is necessary to ensure appropriate clearance of our foundations from a major sewer which lies under the deck and a stormwater drain which is located between the deck and the centre green.

Assuming approval from the servicing authorities will occur in late January, our estimated timetable for the completion of the deck is as follows:

- Submit planning permit application to City of Monash  
- early February
  - Simultaneous building permit application  
- early February
  - Planning / building approval  
- mid - end March
  - Tender  
- end March
  - Construction  
- April / May
- DAVID RAE

**Bowling with Babies:**

MWBC hosted Bowling with Babies over November and the first few weeks of December. There was one very raining Thursday that deterred all from attending. We thank all the volunteers who helped and are looking forward to hosting this program in partnership with Bowls Vic in the new year. Stay tuned for dates.

### Sponsor News

Looking back, it has been a very satisfying year with sponsorship revenue comfortably above budget and with two new sponsors - Soundfair and Kingston Funerals recruited (their recently installed scoreboards along with the new Barry Plant sign are shown below)

Please reciprocate by supporting those many sponsors who support our Club and let them know where you are from – they love to get our feedback!

It was great to see Lorelle King from Ryman Healthcare attend our Xmas breakup dinner and we look to continuing our practice of inviting sponsors to Club functions in the New Year.

I wish you all a joyful Xmas and a happy and healthy 2022

Howard Rose – Head of Marketing

### Kingston Funerals new score board



### Soundfair new score board



### Barry Plant new sign



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### **'THE CLUBHOUSE PROJECT' – APPEAL**

Now that the design phase of our new deck has commenced in earnest, I believe we have a great opportunity to look at renewing and modernising other aspects of the Clubhouse in conjunction with the deck. I am pleased to launch an appeal to raise funds to modernise the Club This will help create the relaxed outdoor social space we have all been craving for.

We wish to brighten up the foyer area by replacing the old-style wooden fittings, look at either painting or rendering the facade of the Clubhouse, replacing the old curtains in the dining room, painting the internal areas of the Clubhouse, and providing the deck with tables, chairs, sun umbrellas and external heating for the deck.

In launching the appeal, we are setting a target of \$15,000 which we think should be sufficient to help cover the cost of these updates. As previously communicated, no specific decisions on the amount or type of furniture will be made until we have experienced the new deck for a trial period.

I also have pleasure in announcing that we have already received member and sponsor donations to start this fundraising campaign. So, we are on our way towards the target!

Member payments can be made in several ways:

- Direct funds transfer to the Club's Bendigo Bank account (BSB 633 000 Account No. 178 060 687)- **preferred option**
- Credit card payment over the bar at the Clubhouse

If you would prefer a tax-deductible donation:

- Tax-deductible donations to the Australian Sports Foundation 'The Clubhouse Project', which can be done electronically via the following link.

<https://asf.org.au/projects/mount-waverley-bowling-club/the-clubhouse-project>

Progress with donations will be communicated to members through a barometer erected in the Clubhouse.

Sponsors will continue to have the opportunity to donate to this cause in next year's sponsorship drive and this will be advertised in the Sponsor Opportunities Brochure.

I encourage you to support this very worthy cause, so that we can all experience the full benefits of our Clubhouse and the new deck.

No donation is too small!

Barrie Epstein  
President

### **Club Pennant Shirts update:**

Our polo shirt order has just arrived. If you ordered a shirt or wish to purchase another, please contact Jill Anderson (0414 516 714) to arrange a time to collect.

To our new members, if you haven't yet received your free shirt, please also contact Jill.

Along with the new shirts, we currently have the following sizes at a cost of \$45 for short sleeve and \$55 for long sleeve:

#### Women

- 2 x Size 10 Short sleeve
- 2 x Size 10 Long Sleeve
- 1 x Size 10 FITTED Short Sleeve
- 2 x Size 12 Short Sleeve
- 1 x Size 12 Long Sleeve
- 1 x Size 16 Long Sleeve

#### Men

- 2 x Size XL Short Sleeve
- 1 x Size XXL Short Sleeve
- 1 x Size XXL Long Sleeve
- 1 x Size XXXL Short Sleeve
- 1 x Size XXXL Long Sleeve

### Handbook for 21/22:

The new Club Handbook for 2021-22 has arrived. Please collect one from the clubhouse foyer when you are next at the club.

We have already discovered that some of the phone numbers are not correct. So, to help ensure that this doesn't occur in the next edition of the handbook and your phone details are correct in the Club database please review your number – if incorrect please send an email with your name and correct number to [info@mwbc.com.au](mailto:info@mwbc.com.au) attention David Beard.

A big thank you to the people who have already notified us of the corrections. The handbook review committee apologises for the errors.

### Social Bowls:

Social bowls is currently in recess. It will recommence on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Put your name on the list in the Club foyer if you would like to play.

### Free Fridays:

Free Fridays will commence from 4pm to 6pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January. This is a great opportunity for our social members as well as community members to come and try lawn bowling. To ensure the success of this community outreach activity, we require volunteers to help. If you wish to help or have any questions about what will be involved, please contact Robyn Beard on 0412 793 122 or sent an email to [rmadillo@hotmail.com](mailto:rmadillo@hotmail.com).

### How can you help?

We continue to need volunteers to help Graeme Robinson and his team cleaning and maintaining the Clubhouse on a regular basis. Graeme's team do an amazing job keeping the Clubhouse looking great. Do you have a couple hours a week to spare to help? If so, please don't hesitate to contact Graeme Robinson for a chat on 0408 167 804.

### Grants 2020/21

Over the past two years, despite lockdowns and very little bowls being played, your Committee of Management has been quietly working hard to secure the future of our Club.

We have been successful in obtaining the following grants and thank:

Commonwealth Government	\$25,600	(Deck, Power efficiency upgrades)
State Government	\$6,316	(Covid Recovery, small size bowls)
Monash Council	\$1,170	Care packages, Bowling with Babies signage)
Shade grants (Cancer Council)	\$360	(Sunscreen)

**Total \$33,4446**

### Freezer for Sale

The Club's single door freezer in the kitchen (in good working order) is for sale to Club members for \$100.

If you are interested in purchasing, please contact [info@mwbc.com.au](mailto:info@mwbc.com.au) to organize a collection time for the freezer.



**Abracadabra Rose found in club rose garden. (Thank you to David Rae for the photo)**

**Birthdays for December / January**

**December:**

Barry McDonald  
Peter Reilly  
John Jennings  
Bernie Brennan  
Gail Stevens  
Lorna Bridgland  
Peter McDonald  
Roy Roberts  
Jenny Roberts  
Guy Thomas  
Dennis Horan

**January:**

Noelle Kenley  
Patrica Benton  
Barb Dance  
Bruce Morley  
Robin Matheson  
Irene Harney  
Richard Borthwick  
Barrie Epstein  
Anne Peterson  
Ming Ang  
Bev Wong  
Jo Murray



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