



BOWLED OVER



MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.

'The friendly bowls club'

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Club Members.

As I write this report, we are well back into the normal life of our Club with all our pennant competition and social bowls progressing well. However, we have had some oppressive weather to contend with over the last couple of weeks. The Club Championship events are in full swing with the Men's and Ladies Singles Finals being held on Friday 18th February. I encourage all members to come along and see our best players in action. We have scheduled the Club Presentation Dinner for Friday 22nd April, so please add that to your diary. More details about this function will come out next month.

The Club has commenced its negotiations with Monash Council re the renewal of our lease and has had a meeting along with the other Monash Bowls Clubs in discussing the Councils' strategic direction for our sport within the Monash area. We are waiting for the Council's minutes from the meeting, which we will circulate to the Club community. We will keep you informed of progress as we move through this important process.

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

With our new deck build underway we would like to renew the appearance of the Clubhouse. This may include modernizing the interior, e.g., Foyer, improving the outside of the Club and providing furniture and heating for the deck. COM has re-opened the Rebuild the Mount fundraising opportunity via a direct donation by funds transfer to the Club's account, a credit card

payment over the bar or a tax-deductible donation through the Australian Sports Foundation.

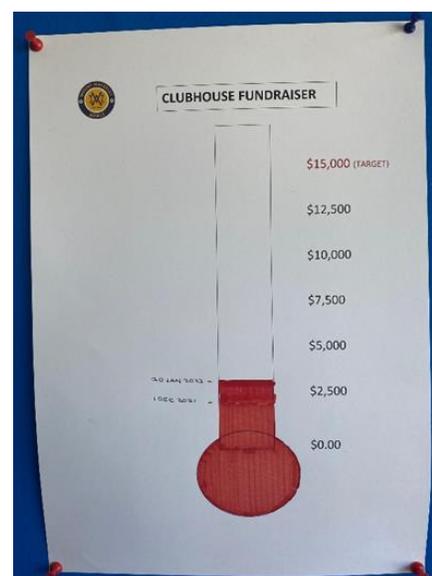
Over \$3,500 has been donated so far and I really appreciate the support that Club members have shown already. The COM are starting to look at opportunities to make these improvements and we will be looking for your help and support as we move forward.

Since the beginning of this year, we are still receiving numerous enquiries for Corporate/Private functions to be held at the Club. We have a number already booked in for February and March so I will need your help and support to manage these events by calling on you to volunteer and provide your time. I will be providing sheets in the foyer for each event.

Please stay safe and well and enjoy our wonderful Club.

Barrie Epstein

Clubhouse Fundraiser Progress Barometer:



**Where will the red line be next month?
What are you going to contribute?**

CLUBHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

The Committee of Management has established a Working Group to detail and prioritise possible improvements to our Clubhouse, both interior and exterior.

The Working Group comprises Barrie Epstein, Jill Anderson, Kaye O'Hara, Ian Mclean, David Rae and Howard Rose (Chair).

The Working Group has met on several occasions and recommended a staged approach to the work, commencing with improvements that are relatively straightforward, low cost and which could be completed substantially by voluntary labour.

Stage 1 will see work proceed on the Foyer to the Ladies' toilets, the Ladies' toilets, the Foyer to the Men's toilets, the Main Office and the Committee Room.

The process of improvement will include decluttering of the rooms, selling, donating, or disposing of items surplus to needs and modernising and refreshing their appearance.

It is aimed to complete Stage 1 works by the end of 2022.

Works will be funded from the Clubhouse Improvement Fund which, on 20 January 2022, stood at \$3,100.

Calls for volunteers to assist in carrying out the work will be made periodically, so don't miss an opportunity to join the fun on a working bee!

Stage 2 works will comprise repainting of the Selectors' Office, Lounge and Dining Room.

A consistent colour scheme will be adopted throughout the interior of the building and complement the existing décor (carpets, chairs, bi-fold doors).

Proposals being considered for Stage 3 include an outdoor BBQ area and small deck at the western end of the Clubhouse and rendering the brick façade on the front and part sides of the building.

Members' input will be sought where major, rather than cosmetic changes, are proposed.

Comments from members on what needs to be done or could be done are of course welcome any time. Please email your comments to Howard on email howardjrose29@gmail.com.



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Mother and Son –

Happy Special Birthday in January Robin

Powering Communities Grant:

As part of our successful application for a Powering Communities Grant, we have purchased a new more efficient freezer. It has now arrived and been installed. The kitchen pantry area has been rearranged to enable the freezer to fit. When you are next at the Club, check out the new freezer, the rearranged pantry and familiarise yourself with where the tea & coffee are now being kept for pennant and social bowls days.



United Refrigeration have now completed the installation of timers and new controllers for the glycol system and fridges to operate only when required for the bar opening hours. It is anticipated that the new system will provide substantial electricity savings for the Club.

A New Year – a New Editor:

John Trantor has offered to become the editor for our newsletter Bowled Over. He will commence as the editor for the March 2022 edition.

John would like everyone who has something to contribute to Bowled Over, to forward him the information on trantor1@optusnet.com.au or call him on 9887 9019.

As the outgoing editor I would like to thank everyone for their contributions and support.



Can you help out?

Are any family or friend's going away and need someone to mind the garden and dog????

Gary Howell is hoping for a visit from his daughter and her husband whom they haven't seen since 2019. It's not convenient staying with family for the entire visit as she will have to work to American times.

They are looking for a house sit from around the 10th April for 2 to 3 weeks.

Please contact Gary directly if you can help.

How you can help?

Without all those who volunteer at the club we wouldn't be able to run such a friendly club. Are you looking for something to do? Do you have a few spare hours? If so, consider volunteering at the club. You could help out with the corporate events, Free Fridays, the gardening team, house maintenance, the bar etc. If you want to know more, contact either Ian McLean 0418 991 905 or Robyn Beard 0412 793 122 or sent an email to info@mwbc.com.au.

Free Fridays:

Free Fridays is an opportunity for social members of the club as well as the broader community to come and try lawn bowls. It will be running on Fridays from 4pm. It is a great time to invite your current non bowling family and friends to the club.

There has already been great interest in this opportunity to try bowls. For last Friday night we had enquiries for over 15 people wanting to attend. Unfortunately, the inclement weather got the better of us all.

If you would like to help out there will be a list in the club house for you to put your name on or you can contact either Robyn Beard 0412 793 122 or Barrie Epstein 0431 966 449

We thank Ian McLean for changing the banner on High Steet Rd.



Ian McLean and David Beard changing the banner

Welcome Back:

It is wonderful to welcome back all the people from Reach & Belong. Fiona and her team recommenced at the Club on Monday 31st January after a long break away due to COVID restrictions. Reach & Belong will be at the Club Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and some Fridays. Pop in and say hi to everyone next time you are at the club.

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New Pennant Players:

It is wonderful to welcome Maise Tsoi and John Tynan as new members to playing pennant on Tuesdays. Vito DeCesare has also been able to start playing pennant on Saturdays.

What's coming up?

Check out the month planner on the notice board in the foyer to see what is coming up at the Club.

What's new on the web?

The Club's By-Laws including the Club Championships rules are available for your viewing on the website.

The By-Laws along with the Club's updated COVID plan are also available for viewing in hard copy in the foyer at the club.

There are a number of corporate functions coming up over the next few months. The list of functions will be at the club. Put your name on the list if you are able to help out.



- Peter Armstong
- Angela Barraclough
- Luke Boyer
- Serg Callea
- Maria Espernberger
- John Fanshaw
- Doreen Inglis
- Darren Jenkins
- Norm Lindberg (Founding Member)
- Joy Oldfield
- Robert Wait



Metricon Christmas function:

Metricon had a large Christmas function at the Club before Christmas. Below are some photos from the day. They had a lot of fun as did the volunteers from the club who helped.



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