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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, we are in the middle of a reasonably cold winter and you would think that not much is happening around the Club, but not so. Our Winter Social bowls on Wednesdays and Saturdays under the excellent guidance of Alan Sharp are regularly getting 15 - 20 members playing, everyone having a fun time and enjoying the social interactions. The Social Committee organized a wonderful Mid-Winter Fest dinner on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of June which was attended by over 40 members, and it was a great night, with fantastic food and lots of great company. Very special thanks to Kaye and Peter O'Hara, Sarina and Joe Bonnici, Michelle Chan, Connie Epstein, and Alan Sharp who was a wonderful MC on the night and Minh Vo, the man behind the bar.

For those that have been to the Club, you may have noticed some work happening in the dining room where our very enthusiastic Club Improvement team are in preparation for repainting and updating the area. If you haven't had a chance, pop your head into the foyer leading into the ladies' toilets and you will see what has already been achieved, it looks fresh and new. The team headed by Howard Rose, David Rae and Jill Anderson are putting in a lot of time and effort to make our Club look the special place it is. We will be calling for volunteers to help with these activities over the next little while, so if you have time and the inclination to help, please do so. COM has opened the Clubhouse Improvement Fund providing an opportunity for either a direct donation via a funds transfer to the Club's account, a credit card payment over the bar or a tax-deductible donation through the Australian Sports Foundation. So far, over \$,3500 has been donated and I really appreciate the support that Club members have already shown.

June was also a sad month for our Club. We had the passing of our much loved and respected club member Graeme Tempany on the 4th of June. Graeme joined the Club in 1998 and it seemed with his larger-than-life presence, that he had been with us for much longer. He was always helping with out at the Club, especially looking after the administration of the bar for many years. He was a great team person and enjoyed playing bowls and always could be relied on to bowl well in his customary position as lead. His funeral was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June and was very well attended by past and current members. Our deepest condolences go to Joy and family. He will be missed.

The Club's negotiations with Monash Council re the renewal of our lease are currently on hold pending the Council's development of a Strategic Plan for bowls within the Monash area. A meeting with the other Monash Bowls Clubs has been held to discuss the Council's strategic direction for our sport. Since the Monash Bowls Forum in December, a draft Discussion Paper has been developed by the Council. We anticipate that this will soon be presented to Council, with a view to then releasing the paper for community consultation. The consultation period typically lasts for 4-6 weeks and as soon as we have the paper, we will present it to the members for discussion.

The Social Deck has now moved to the planning permit phase with the Council, and we await the final go-ahead to allow us to go to tender. We are nearly there, folks, so stay tuned as things progress. Thank-you to the Steering Committee for all their hard work on reaching this point.

The Bowls Pennant season is not too far from starting. The Club, along with the Selection team (which for Weekend Pennant are Celia Ware, Alan Sharp, Michael Murray, and Joe Bonnici, and for Midweek Pennant are Celia Ware and Robin Matheson along with my support in the background) are working through the decisions on the number of Sides to enter. Bowls Vic have also provided a Pre-Season 9-a-side comp which will run for 3 Saturdays and Tuesdays in September and a 7-a-side comp running on Thursdays at the same time as the main pennant season. Our Club is most likely to enter teams into both comps as well as having at least 2 practice games before the main season starts. Keep posted for information on these comps as well as expressions of interest in playing.

Please stay safe and well and enjoy our wonderful Club.

Barrie Epstein

#### **In Memory of Graeme Tempny: 4/6/2022**



**Graeme Tempny receiving his life membership from former president Bruce Bennett at the 2020-2021 AGM**

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Club Life Member Graeme Tempny (Temps) on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.

Graeme has been an amazing contributor to the club. As well as playing in the firsts for many years he contributed to the smooth operations of the bar. Graeme was the club licensee for many years and a member of the bar committee for more than 20 years, chairing it for 19 years.

After the funeral service at Springvale, many of the club members returned to the club to celebrate Graeme's life and contribution.

Thank you, Graeme, for your friendship and contribution to all at MWBC.

#### **Winter Feast:**



**Serena (part of the Social Committee Team) waiting to serve the beautiful food**

Friday night the 24<sup>th</sup> June was the club's Winter Feast. It was a great evening where club members were able to share time together over wonderfully prepared casseroles. We thank Kaye O'Hara and her team for all the effort they put in.

If you are interested in helping on any of our future social events, please contact Kaye O'Hara 0417 015 991.

#### **Welcome to:**

Neil Blackman new bowling member  
Vince Shevlin coming back  
Connie Epstein as a bowling member.

### Clubhouse Improvements:

The first room for renovation (also the smallest) was the foyer to the ladies' toilet. Thanks to David Rae and Howard Rose (plastering and painting), Jill Anderson (framed pictures) and Gary Howell (frame for the mirror), this room is now complete.



Thank you to David Rae and the gardening team for looking after the gardens so well. This gave Jill Anderson the opportunity to photograph some of the roses in bloom. The prints of the roses are those from the clubs rose gardens.



A Working Bee of 10 volunteers commenced work on the next priority room – the Dining Room – on Monday 27 June. Amazing progress was made – all Honour Boards were removed from the walls for rehangng or photographing; curtains removed for washing; disconnected exhaust fans and surplus wiring removed; holes and gaps filled and walls and timberwork sanded and washed ready for painting. Thanks to all who attended and to Michelle Chan who provided a platform ladder and scones for morning tea (delicious!) and Jill Anderson for photographing the Honour Boards.



We will continue to hold the Working Bees on Monday mornings until the room is complete. Those willing to assist and with painting experience are asked to contact Howard Rose on 0408 581 145.

As the volunteers continue to work through and refresh the club house it is a great opportunity to donate to the Clubhouse Improvement Fund. You can donate via the bar when you are at the club. Every little bit helps to support the ongoing improvements around our great club.

### Survey Results:

Thank you to all the club members who completed the survey. The results are in. The summary is as follows:

The Committee of Management sought the views of the Club members via Survey Monkey on issues relating to social and pennant bowls as well as the Annual General Meeting and information sessions. The results of the 65 members who responded are presented below: (Note: not all respondents answered every question.):

The preferred day to play midweek social bowls is the current Wednesday (39) with 20 preferring Thursday.

The preferred time to play is the current mid-morning to mid-afternoon format (34) with 17 preferring morning only and 15 afternoon only.

The preferred times for additional social bowling events was Sunday afternoon (15) with 11 preferring Friday afternoon and 9 preferring Thursday evening.

For the new Bowls Victoria pennant competitions, 15 are interested in playing in the Saturday pre-season 9-a-side competition, 14 are interested in the Tuesday pre-season 9-a-side competition and 10 are interested in the Thursday 6-a-side competition.

In relation to the Club's Annual General Meeting, 54 prefer to attend the meeting in person with 10 preferring to join via Zoom.

Members prefer to attend the AGM on the current Thursday evening (40) with 22 preferring Friday evenings and 15 Sunday afternoon.

If the AGM was combined with a social event or information session, 42 members would be more likely to attend.

Thursday evenings are preferred for Club information sessions (34) with 18 preferring after social bowls events and 15 preferring early on Friday evenings, 4 Sunday afternoons and 3 Saturday afternoons.

Ten members provide additional comments for the Committee of Management.

### Meet a Member (or members):

#### The Two Margaret's



Margaret Carr



Margaret Campbell

Margaret Carr and Margaret Campbell joined our Club after attending Free Fridays. These two are lifelong friends as their families were friends - both fathers attended Mount Waverley Primary School.

Margaret Campbells' husband Keith was a former member of the Club, so it was natural when choosing a Bowls Club, she would join us. She worked as the Secretary to the Finance Manager at Box Hill TAFE, but is now occupied with gardening, cooking and her 9 grandchildren.

Margaret Carr worked in Education administration at Syndal Tech. and later at Melbourne University. Her time is now taken up with grandchildren, reading and a Bookgroup

Both Margaret's are coached by Joe Bonnici and hope to play Pennant at a later stage.

Welcome ladies, we hope you enjoy your time with us.



**Happy Birthday to the following Club members for**

**June & July**

- Helen Logan
- Chris Cullinan
- Fiona Memed
- Steve Peisley
- Wai Khee Yap
- Sylvia Mason
- Michael Murray
- Elaine Willmott
- Joan Field
- David Buchanan
- Patricia O'Brien
- John Secomb
- Kaye O'Hara
- Darrell Mahoney
- June McMahon
- Ernst Espernberger
- Claire Kendall
- Bruce Suckling
- Bruce Dobbie
- Kevin Rigby
- Andrew Stewart
- Barry Jarred
- Walter Lai
- Richard Sluggett
- Alan Sharp
- Peter Crellin
- Gareth Husband
- David Rae
- Joe Ventura
- Les Adam
- Shelagh Gleeson
- Luke Kerry



Have you seen this sign while walking around Hamilton Place?

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