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**MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.**

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*'The friendly bowls club'*

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Club Members

As I write this report, we have just come out of a pretty cold winter and are now looking forward to some warmer weather. The Winter Bowls season was very successful, I think we only missed out on a couple of matches due to inclement weather. We regularly had between 15 -20 members playing on Wednesdays and Saturdays and it was good fun to play and catch up with you. I would like to give a big thanks to Alan Sharp for his wonderful organizing skills in managing the matches and looking after the end of play activities. Also, many thanks to Peter Harney for his help in setting up the green for play during the winter season.

There are some upcoming special events happening at the Club over the next few weeks.

We are very excited that we can have our Opening Breakfast on Saturday 1 October at 8 am after missing out for the last two years. The Social Committee will be organizing a wonderful breakfast for you, so please put your name on the list in the foyer if you are attending. After the breakfast, there will be an intra club practice game being organized by the Selection team to start around 10 am. More details on this to follow.

For those that have been to the Club, you may have noticed that the dining room has a new coat of paint and looks fantastic. New blind will be installed shortly, and the honor boards will be upgraded.

Special thanks to the group of club volunteers who have done a wonderful job. They are Richard Horban, Barry Jarred, Doug Oldfield, Lindsay Markham, Shirley Melissas, Bernie Brennan, Michael Murray, Angus Reynolds, Daryl Mahoney, Peter O'Hara, Gareth Husband, John Tynan, Phil Rosengarten, Ernst Espenberger, David Rae, Howard Rose and Jill Anderson.

There is still lots of work to do around the Club over the next year or so. We will be calling for volunteers to help

The COM has opened the Club Improvement 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 a tax-deductible donation through the Australian Sports Foundation.

So far, over \$3700 has been donated and I really appreciate the support that Club members have already shown.

The Bowls Vic 9's, which everyone who participated really enjoyed. Of course, the Pennant seasons start next month.

Please stay safe and well and enjoy our wonderful Club.

Barrie Epstein

### Vale Norm Lindberg and Kevin Pendlebury

The last couple of weeks have certainly been very upsetting with the passing of two of our great Club members. Kevin Pendlebury and Norm Lindberg will be sorely missed. Kevin joined our Club in 2018 and very soon integrated himself into the Club becoming a regular pennant player and attending the social drinks nights on Fridays, most weeks. His funeral was held on Thursday 15th of September and was attended by many members.

Norm before his passing, was the last of our Foundation members which meant he joined our Club back in 1964 when it first opened. It was just wonderful to have such a lovely man be with the club for so long. He stopped playing our sport only a few years ago when he was in his early 90s. I always remember him for his bowling with a shortened bowling arm. He was a quiet unassuming person and much respected by all members. His family will be having a private funeral service but the family wish to have a memorial service at the Club scheduled for Friday 30th September. Further details will be advised once the family have finalized the arrangements.

They will be missed. Our deepest condolences go to both families.

## School Bowls is Back

We once again welcomed Avila College Year 10 Physical Education students to learn how to play lawn bowls at our Club. Around 170 students attended one of the 6 one-hour sessions run in August and early September.

A big thank you to those members who have volunteered to teach the students how to play and ensured that they have enjoyed their time at MWBC. The girls who participated quickly learnt to enjoy this new sport. They have been invited, along with their families and friends, to continue playing on our Free Fridays which will recommence in October.

## New Members since Last Season

The club welcomes the following new members since last season. Look out for them and introduce yourself.

Tony Fairweather, Lloyd Reeman, Jane Barton (after a lengthy absence), Neil Blackman, Vince Shevlin, Lyndall Rosengarton, Jennifer Bortoli, Shirley Melissas, Margaret Campbell, Margaret Carr, Joan Field and Robert Field.

## Our Current Sponsors for next year

The following sponsors have signed up to support the club for the next 12 months. Please support them as they are supporting us.

Bendigo Bank Pinewood  
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## Street Library coming to MWBC

‘What is a street library?’ you ask.

“Street Libraries are a beautiful home for books, planted in your front yard. They are accessible from the street and are an invitation to share the joys of reading with your neighbours. Street Libraries are a window into the mind of the community; books come and go; no-one needs to check them in or out. People can simply reach in and take what interests them; when they are done, they can return them to the street library network, or pass them on to friends.”

(streetlibrary.org.au)

The Club has negotiated with Monash Council to erect a ‘street library’ in the garden bed adjacent to the Wadham Parade exit from the main carpark.

Thanks to Darren Jenkins involvement with Waverley Woodworkers, their members have agreed to construct the street library for our Club painted in the club colors.

We are hoping that the street library will be ready for installation in the next couple of months. Already members are volunteering to curate the book collection once it is established. A call will then go out for any books that you think others would enjoy reading, to be donated to our street library.

## The Decking- How’s it going?

Approximately, how long will it take to construct our new deck? About two weeks. How long has it taken David Rae to negotiate the bureaucratic minefield to get to the construction stage? 15 months and still counting.

You will remember we had to have a special meeting to ensure the majority of members were on side. You will no doubt recall the effect of COVID on your own family life in 2021 - for the project, it meant we couldn't test our foundations until November

Did you realise that about 3.5m underneath the Clubhouse forecourt there is a 300mm Yarra Valley Sewer and a 1300mm Melbourne Water drain? More approvals needed to build over the easements! At least the good news was that when the Council advertised the planning application, we received no objections!!

**We received our permit on 1st September - the first day of spring!!!**

We now need to finalise our plans, complete our agreements with the service companies, get a permit and select a builder. - Watch this space!!



## Friday Super Social in the Bar

@ Mount Waverley Bowls Club

On Friday 9 September the club had its first Super Social evening in the

Bar. It was great to see so many members and visitors there enjoying the football theme of the night.

The Super Social nights will become a regular event on the second Friday of each month.

We encourage you to take advantage of these nights, as a way of catching up with and getting to know other members away from the green. Mark it in your diary

Thanks to Phil Rosengarten, Chris Cullinan and Bruce Bennett for this initiative

Don't forget.....

Every Second Friday of the Month

\$5 Entry. That covers Finger Food and Raffle.

Bring your Partner, a Friend or Neighbor



Members and guests enjoying our first Friday Super Social

## CLUBHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

After 3 months of Working Bees, painting of our Dining Room is now complete.

Many thanks to the large team of volunteers who assisted by preparing and painting the walls and timberwork, cleaning up afterwards (including the floors and windows), fixing loose parquet flooring and replacing discolored ceiling tiles. The result looks amazing and is testimony to your hard work and talents!

Blinds have been ordered for the two windows on either side of the northern entrance door. The blinds are textured, partially see-through and are a light grey-green colour which tones well with the new wall colour and chair backs. The blinds will cover the bottom two thirds of the windows, allowing as much light as possible into the room from the top. It is expected that the blinds will be installed by the end of September.

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A forward program includes painting the Kitchen and stripping the Dining Room and Kitchen floors and applying a new surface finish. A call out for volunteers to assist with these tasks will be made shortly.

## Volunteer Reception-Jill Anderson

This month I was pleased to be invited to a Reception at Government House to recognise the contribution of Community Sport and Recreation Volunteers.

Approximately 500 volunteers were in attendance from Melbourne and Regional areas. We were welcomed by the Honourable Linda Dessau AC and listened as the Minister for Community Sport, the Honourable Ros Spence, thanked us as representatives some of the 738,000 volunteers in the sport and recreation sector.

After speeches we were free to wander through some of the beautiful rooms, while partaking of drinks and delightful hors oeuvres. I didn't meet the Governor, but chatted to her husband, Mr Anthony Howard.

## Club Information Night.

The club held an information night on 22 September to give members an awareness of the various aspects of the coming season. Presentations were given by Celia Ware on selection, Joe Bonnici on changes to umpiring, Howard Rose on improvements, both completed and future, to club rooms, Peter McDonald who outlined our promising financial position and David Rae on the progress of the decking and the associated bureaucratic land mine.

## Club Opening Breakfast and Pennant Practice game.

Finally, after 3 years, we can once again hold the Club Opening Breakfast. It will take place on Saturday 1st of October at 8 am. Please join us for a hearty breakfast of eggs and bacon, toast and other food items, tea, and coffee. Your wonderful Social Committee will be looking after you for the breakfast. Once the breakfast is finished, we will be asking our Club Champions to roll a bowl on the centre green to signify the opening of our bowls season.

After breakfast, we will be holding and Intra-Club practice match commencing at 10 am.

## Club Handbook.

The latest edition of the Club Handbook will be produced soon so we want to make sure that everyone's contact phone number/s are correct. If you haven't already advised the club of any changes, please check to see that your number is correct in the current book. If not, please let the Club know by email of any corrections before we go to get it printed. Thanks.

## Straw Poll gives the Pre-season Format the thumbs up

A quick straw poll among those members involved in the pre-season nine a side competition has shown a fair bit of support for the format as well as the earlier starting time. Most considered that the starting time, if adopted for pennant competition, would be welcomed in the heat of summer. The message is we are all getting older.

## This year there will be heaps of bowls for everyone

In addition to Saturday and Tuesday Pennant seasons there will be more than enough bowls to satisfy everyone. Tuesday Pennant will commence on 11 October and Saturday Pennant on 15 October. Electric Light Bowls will commence on 8 November, Contact Chris Cullinan or Phil Rosengarten if you are interested. A new Thursday competition will commence on Thursday the 6th of October and will run for a season of 6 weeks, plus 2 weeks of finals. The Club has put in 2 sides for this comp.

The format of comp will be two rinks of three bowl pairs playing 18 ends.

Of course, we will also have our usual club championships, as well as plenty of club social bowling.

That will keep a few of you out of mischief.

UNAVAILABLE Books have been set up for the season, so please if you are not available for any matches, please put your name in the relevant book before selections are made.

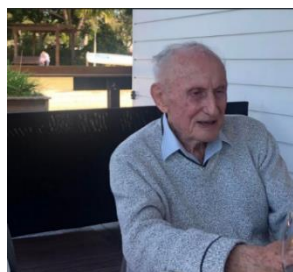
## A Letter from Ashwood Panels

Ashwood Panels have been sponsoring our Club for the past 22 years. Steve Van Oosten (Owner) believes that over the past number of year's significant changes has occurred in the Vehicle Accident Insurance segment and has asked for the opportunity to explain some of these changes and seek out any business opportunities from our members. Steve has advised us that insurance companies now give their policy holders the option of going to the repairer of

their choice, The advantage to you is knowing the tradesmen working on your car. So, give Ashwood Panels a ring. Steve, Andrew and Oscar will be pleased to assist you and will throw in an excess discount or a small extra if they can. They will be only too pleased to give advice on vehicle insurance and make your accident repair experience an easy process.

## Off Season on Facebook

Bruce Kendrick and Jill Anderson, plus family



members, lunched together at the Boathouse

Noosaville. Lovely to catch up with MWBC members when away. Richard Borthwick enjoyed a European holiday visiting Switzerland, London and Malta.



Some members enjoyed bowling at the Mooloolaba Bowling Club



While many members were enjoying a warmer climate, others were hard at work at the club giving

the dining room a much-needed spruce up

It's not the Sistine Chapel but the concentration of Michelangelo is evident and has got his approval.



Don't forget that you can keep up with club news, as well as contribute your news, on the clubs Facebook page.