



# BOWLED OVER

MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.



*'The friendly bowls club'*

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## Opening of the greens for 2022/2023

First bowls of the season at our opening breakfast. Top Mat Fregon local member and Joe and Sarina Bonnici bowling to open the greens to kick off the season.



A new sign over the West Green was installed for Bendigo Bank Pinewood, in time for opening of the new bowling season.



Have you joined the clubs Facebook page yet? If not we encourage you to do so. It's easy and it will keep you up to date with what is going on in the club. Also, if you have any items for "Bowled Over" that you feel others would be interested in let John Tranter know on email [tranter1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tranter1@optusnet.com.au)

## Sponsor News

We have received commitments from 20 sponsors for 2022/23 for a total income of \$20,500. This compares to last year's sponsor income of \$17,100 - a very good result given the cost pressures currently facing small businesses.

For the third year in a row, we have 'lost' some smaller sponsors, but most of these businesses want us to call again next year, as they would like to continue supporting our Club.

We welcome a new sponsor, Jellis Craig, who through a competitive bidding process, have won the exclusive real estate rights to advertise and sponsor events in 2022/23 and beyond. The outcome of this process will deliver a significant financial boost to the Club through increased guaranteed income, with the opportunity to increase this income further through referred property sales.

Jellis Craig is currently preparing new signage for the Centre Green, 3 shelter sheds and 4 scoreboards and this is expected to be installed by the end of November.

## Corporate Season is with us

Now that the summer months are with us and Christmas is approaching the club is gearing up to host a number of corporate events. These events are popular and account for much needed income for the club.

If you are in a position to assist please place your name on one of the lists in the foyer. We are always looking for members to assist in setting up, bowls instruction and B-B-Q duties.

## Bag Tags

The Club will be ordering Bag Tags for anyone who wishes to have one on their bag.

These are important as they have your next of kin's phone number on the reverse.

Should you have an accident on the Green a contact can be quickly found and notified.



A list will be up on the Notice board this week, so put your name down if you want one. Cost will be \$5.00

PS Please make sure the phone number is for Next Of Kin not your own number, as has happened in the past!

## Clubhouse Improvements

New Honour Boards prepared by Legacy Signs (formerly Jag Signs) have been installed in the Dining Room and Lounge.

The three boards installed on the south-western wall of the Dining Room are for Men and Ladies Singles, Men's, Ladies and Mixed Pairs and Open Triples (see pic below).

The two boards installed on the central columns in the Lounge are for Honorary Life Members and Benefactors.



Our Committee happy with the new honour boards in the clubrooms.

## Cup Day Luncheon

Another Melbourne Cup has been run and won and another Cup Day luncheon has been held at the club. From all the comments it was judged an enjoyable day. Only the weather was not kind to us. About 50 people attended including members and their children and grand-children, who displayed varying degrees of skill on the green.

All enjoyed a lunch of chicken, lasagne and salads followed by a scrumptious assortment of pastries and fresh fruit salad for dessert. Thanks to Jim Fary for organising the sweeps. The Bonnici family displayed their knowledge of horse flesh by taking out more than their fair share of prizes. There was a good display of headwear and frocks.

Thanks to the Social Committee and their helpers for making this very pleasurable and a success.



Some of our next generation of bowlers enjoying cup day

## Our Sponsors for This Season.

Please support them as they are supporting us.

Bendigo Bank Pinewood  
 Ryman Healthcare  
 Leishman Financial Services  
 BCIB  
 Selwyn Allen Funerals  
 Lewis and McConnell  
 Le Pine Funerals  
 Waverley Exhaust  
 Jellis Craig  
 PK Meats  
 Soundfair  
 Kingston Funerals  
 Rogerson Kenny Ashwood Panels  
 Herbert King Funerals  
 Waverley RSL  
 Mason Sier Turnbull  
 Legacy Signs  
 Eureka Printing  
 Hamilton Place Travel  
 Wong and Bendixen  
 Stringers Sports Store

## Bowling in comfort. Kendrick Style

At our social bowls held on opening day, Bruce Kendrick created a new trend. As one member remarked, "Where's the beach umbrella?"



## Mount Waverley Bowls Club's Valued Volunteers.

How many volunteers does it take to run a Bowls Club?

As a member of our club I, like many, I am guilty of taking things a little bit for granted. I walk into the front gate and feel good when I look at the



Our pristine gardens are the envy of many clubs



First impressions are the best advertisement for our club

magnificent gardens in front of me. Gardens that so many members from opposing teams comment on in such a positive way.

That's understandable. When I consider all the Bowls Clubs we visit, our clubs presentation is among the best. Thanks to David Rae and his small band of volunteers who spend their Monday mornings maintaining them.

I then walk up the path and into the front door of our club to be confronted with clean and pristine club rooms. Of course all this happens only because of the dedicated band of volunteers who give up their time to ensure that our club is clean and presented at its best.

The interior of the club is maintained by a small group lead by Graeme Robinson who clean toilets, vacuum and ensure club facilities are in A1 condition.

Then out for a game of bowls on well-maintained greens. Thanks to Joe Bonnici for the many hours he spends rolling and maintaining them.

Then into the bar for that well-earned drink. The bar team are there to pour pour drinks and who have spent time behind the scenes to keep the bar open and viable. Thanks to Minh and team.

Then there is the Social Committee who organise



We all appreciate that drink at the bar, but there's a lot goes on away from the crowd.

catering for our social and corporate functions. However, all these functions are only the tip of the iceberg.

From our hard working Committee right down, We owe a lot to our Volunteers. Green Keeping, Coaching, Selection for pennant competition, social bowling and Catering for our various activities. Oh, and importantly The Bar, for that well-earned drink after a few hours on the green.

If you have not found your spot in our volunteer army please consider where you might fit in. Not only will you save the club, and yourself, many dollars, you will enjoy a great deal of fellowship and friendship with other club members. More than is available on the greens.

Imagine how our fees would sky-rocket if we had to rely on commercial labour to do all these things.



Members enjoying one of the many social functions put on by our social committee



The "Erlina" roses in the centre green garden. Sponsored by our members.

### 24/7 Bowls

It's interesting to watch the on green chit chat of our current men's and ladies club champions, Husband and Wife Sarina and Joe Bonicci. One suspects that tactics are a major topic at home.



### Free Fridays are back.

Help to promote our free Friday Social Bowls. Let your family, friends and neighbours know and join them afterwards for a drink in the bar.



**Free  
Fridays  
Social  
Bowls**

**Where**  
Mount Waverley Bowling Club  
Cnr Alvie Rd and Wadham Pde, Mt Waverley

**When**  
28th January - 1st April  
every Friday.

**Time**  
04.00pm - 06.30pm

**Cost**  
**FREE to participate!**  
**No need to book, come along and join in**

### Social Friday's in the Bar

The club's Social Friday in the bar is proving very successful and has over doubled the bar pagtronaage. In September we were treated to a rendition of Goldilocks and the three bears, a Frank Sinatra classic from way back by David Logan. He wasn't bad either, Dave that is.

Friday evening social get-togethers have been an integral part of the MWBC for many years. In recent times numbers had steadily dwindled to a minimum of just a dozen, especially on cold winter. A group of members (Bruce Bennett, Chris Cullinan and Phil Rosengarten) decided to bring back the great spirit of camaraderie of past years. These 'Super Fridays' occur on the second Friday of the month. Members are encouraged to bring their partner, and neighbour or friend. We hope this will expose potential members to our great club. In September and October we had over 50 attending. We enjoyed generous finger food and raffles with \$150 worth of prizes.



Dave Logan giving his rendition of Goldilocks and the three bears.

### FRIDAY NIGHT @ MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLS CLUB

the next Super Friday will not be until February 10<sup>th</sup> 2023