Bowls

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'The friendly bowls club' Christmas 2022

Hi Club Members.

As I write this report, and we head into the XMAS and New Year holiday period, our Bowls Club is back doing all the bowls and other activities that we enjoy even with the spectre of COVID.

The Club is on track to meet our financial budget and overcome some of the leaner COVID years. Pennant has commenced, and all our sides are well positioned as we head into the holiday break. I am sure that all players are enjoying their bowls with their fellow members. Weekend Pennant restarts on Saturday the 14 January, Midweek Pennant restarts on Tuesday 17 January and Night Pennant restarts on Tuesday 17 January. Wednesday Social Bowls will restart on the 5 of January. Friday Social Drinks will not take place on Friday 30 December (New Year's Eve).

The Social Deck is in the final stage of technical design and then will proceed to the tender stage. We anticipate that the deck will be constructed 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 have started our renewal of the appearance of the Clubhouse. The dining room has been repainted and had new blinds installed. We have replaced the old honor boards with some wonderful modern ones and the Club Improvement Committee is working on an overall strategy for the rest of the clubroom to be finished over the next 12 – 18 months. We will keep you informed of what is being planned as each stage approaches.

Since October, we have managed to run 21 Corporate and Private Functions which has been a lot of work and time 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 endeavor's re functions, which generate much needed income for the Club. We have more functions scheduled up to XMAS and into the New Year so I will be calling on you to volunteer and provide your time. I will be providing sheets in the foyer for each event.

Clubhouse Improvements

Since the current Clubhouse was completed in the late 1960s a number of major improvements have been made to our facilities including the commercial kitchen and the bar/lounge area. With the advent of our new social deck, we believe it is timely to undertake the next stage in the refurbishment of the Clubhouse interior. We have been encouraged by the enthusiastic involvement of volunteer members in the renovation of the main dining room whose "lighter, brighter" look has received high praise from members and visitors.

To complement the construction of our new social deck we intend, in the first half of 2023, to complete the transformation of the three main public areas of the Club, the dining room, the entrance foyer and the lounge.

In the foyer, we intend to create a much brighter and cleaner "welcome space" for members and visitors. This will involve the de-cluttering and simplification of the notice boards together with the incorporation of a new audio-visual screen to provide information for members and visitors and allow marketing by our main sponsors. The repainting of the lounge will be completed, and the bar fascia refurbished in a lighter color to complement the new paintwork.

Our target is to complete all this work to be celebrated at the Opening Breakfast of the 2023-24 season.

Over the following eighteen months the committee room, the offices and the toilets will be progressively upgraded.

We have received commitments from several of our sponsors to assist in this project.

Editor's Note.

Overheard a couple of comments from St Kilda players last Saturday, impressed with our club facilities, both outside and inside.

### Corporate Functions.

We have had a number of corporate functions so far this year and we have a few more (big one's) prior to Christmas.

It's heartening to be involved and to see the great fellowship and delight of our corporate guests enjoying our facilities.



Starting them young. Students from Holy Family learning the basics of bowls



Large group from Metricon who enjoyed a meal and competition between departments on 9 December



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New sponsor Jellis Craig Real Estate have shown their support for the club by placing a number of well displayed advertising signs both around the green and inside the club.



Other club sponsors this year are: Please support them as they are supporting us.

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#### Pennant

#### A Reminder

A reminder that Weekend Pennant recommences on 14 January, Mid-Week Pennant and Electric Light on 17 January. Wednesday Social Bowls will restart on the 5 of January.

### **Christmas Dinner**

The club Christmas dinner was held on 1 December with eighty people attending.

Members enjoyed a generous meal of turkey, ham, roasted vegetables and salads. A beautiful array of home cooked food complemented the main meal.

A number of those attending went home happy, armed with prizes from numerous raffles.

Thank you to all Social Committee Members and those who assisted with the clean-up.

A special thanks to Shirley for contributing the Greek classic desert of Baklava.

The evening was certainly the perfect start to Christmas celebrations.



A Bit of

## old fashioned Coaching

Came across the following links on Youtube from a bygon era.

If your in for a bit of worthwhile coaching over the break they're worth a look if you are online. The presentations are by Gedoff Oakleigh, John Snell, Merl Richardson and Glynn Bosisto. All champions in their day.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search\_query=john+S
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# Friday Night @ Mount Waverley Bowls Club

Will be back on Friday night 10 February. Join in the fun and fellowship.

# Also....Back on 17 February



### Who could it be?

Overheard a conversation in the bar. A long standing and distinguished member of our club is required to attend the local Court each Wednesday to satisfy his Bail obligations. Who could it be?



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