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**December 2023**

## **Mt Waverley Bowling Club Social Deck Opening 24 November 2023**



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Anthony Clark and Josh Lindner from Freshbuilt (Our fantastic building team)  
Larry Evans from U3A  
Fiona Memed our great friend and club hirer from Reach and Belong – I look forward to seeing her participants and staff using the Social Deck for their programs and lunches  
Kel Watson – our Club's videographer.

### **President's Social Deck Opening speech.**

Mt Waverley Bowls Club acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong People, and recognises their continuing connection to the land and waterways. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

Welcome to everyone for attending the official opening of the Mt Waverley Bowls Club Social Deck. I would like to acknowledge our special guests that are with us today.

Dr Carina Garland – Federal Member for Chisholm  
Matt Fregon – State Member for Ashwood  
(Carina and Matt will be jointly opening the Deck shortly)  
Gladys Liu – Former Federal Member for Chisholm  
Brian Little – Mt Waverley Ward Councilor for Monash



Over the past two years we've learned a lot about

- Yarra Valley Water sewers!
- Melbourne Water stormwater drains!
- Aluminum sub-frames - Clickdeck !
- Buzon pedestals!!

## December 2023

We've gone through a pandemic and lots of red tape.

However, we are very happy with the outcome, and it is time to thank the many people who made significant contributions to this project.



Inspiration for our current design came from a visit to Frankston Bows Club where we met their very enthusiastic CEO - Craig Williams. Craig recommended that we use Mark Watson of Designwell as our key designer and he deserves a major thank-you for that.

Mark Watson has made an outstanding contribution to the deck. From the initial design through all the tortuous changes we have encountered he has been a consistent source of ideas, encouragement, support, and commitment. We can't acknowledge this commitment directly today because his wife has whisked him away for a well-earned break! But he is very much in our thoughts. His colleague Ray Schneider provided us with the sound engineering advice we needed.

In putting things all together we have enjoyed working with Anthony Clark and his partner Josh Lindner from Freshbuilt, our main contractor. These guys have been a pleasure to work with and have, without fuss, made all sorts of little detailed adjustments to make things work as they went along. They have coordinated the work of Nathan Azaredo of Clickdeck who provided our aluminum sub-frame and of Chris Holland and Alan of Easyfit Balustrading who have contributed our very fine stainless-steel balustrade.

It has been quite a journey, but we are all proud of the final product and appreciate the effort of all who have made a direct contribution.

Underpinning all this work have been two major financial contributions from the Federal and State Governments

which has provided us with the support to make the decision to progress the project.

I acknowledge the help of Gladys Liu in her role as the Federal member for Chisholm when we applied for a grant for the construction of the deck in 2021. We were successful in receiving the grant of \$20,000 which kick started the project.

I also wish to thank Matt Fregon who initiated another grant opportunity to help with the cost of constructing the deck. I also wish to thank the Minister of Community Sport Victoria, Ros Spence for approving the grant of \$50,000 of which we have received notification that the money will be with us soon.

Supporting all the work that our builders and designers have provided, I would like to say that none of this would have happened if not for the huge effort our Social Deck Committee has put in. The Committee of Howard Rose, Jill Anderson, David Beard and especially David Rae have put in many, many hours of work on behalf of the Club to get the deck constructed. I cannot thank them enough for their work, and to David Rae, you have the gratitude of our Club for steering us through the many and varied challenges that have arisen since we commenced this project back in 2021.



Anthony Clark- Director Freshbuilt, David, Howard Barrie, Craig Williams CEO Frankston Bowling Club and Jill.

Please put your hands together for the wonderful team who organised our delicious lunch today. They are Michelle Chan, Bev Wong, Connie Epstein, Fui Chong, Shirley Melissas, Alan Sharp, Joe and Sarina Bonnici,

(Sarina is not able to be with us due to getting COVID earlier this week, hope she recovers quickly) and Connie's and my friend, Elsa, who is not a club member but came to help. They have put in a fantastic effort to look after you, and I cannot thank them enough.

I would like to thank the Club's members for being very enthusiastic about the Deck, without the members' overwhelming support, we would not be standing on the deck today. We know that this deck will continue to keep our Club moving forward and provide a great space for the Club and the community to enjoy.

I now call upon Carina and Matt to come forward to cut the ribbon to open the Mt Waverley Social Deck.



The wonderful food provided for the Opening of the Social Deck. Thank you to the social committee for putting it all together and to Bendigo Bank for providing the food for the luncheon.



Cutting of the ribbon to open the deck – Matt Fregon – State MP Ashwood, Barrie, and Dr Carina Garland – Federal MP Chisolm



David and Michelle cut the deck opening cake. Thank you, Michelle, for making such a wonderful cake.



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### How we paid for the Social Deck

The Club is in the fortunate position of being able to pay for the Social Deck entirely from external funds. The cost for the design and construction of the Social Deck has totaled \$104,300. The Club has received grants from the Federal Government of \$20,000 and from the State Government of \$50,000. The Club has drawn down \$54,300 from the \$216,000 received from the liquidation of the Southern Indoor Bowling Club as its contribution towards the cost of the Social Deck.



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### Berwick Ladies Tournament



Michelle Jenny Shirley and Fui played in a lady's tournament at Berwick Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. They had a fun day. Don't they look great in our volunteer tops sponsored by Jellis Craig?



Look who has got to have their photo taken holding the AFL cup. Great photo.

### Mt Waverley Bowling Club Street Library



Waverley Woodworkers who constructed the Street Library with David

On Friday 17 November 2023, the Mt Waverley Bowling Club's Street Library was unveiled by Mt Waverley Ward Cr Rebecca Paterson.

The State Member, Matt Fregon MP and participants from the NDIS program that operates out of the Bowling Club's rooms attended the opening. The project was conceived by MWBC as a means of further enhancing its connection with their local community by encouraging locals to read and share the enjoyment of books for free.



Cr. Rebecca Paterson unveiling the Street Library



Matt Fregon, Rebecca Paterson with David, and Barrie

The construction and installation of the street library was a cooperative effort by Waverley Woodworkers, Monash Council and the Mt Waverley Bowling Club who were all represented at the opening.

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