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#### MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.

'The friendly bowls club'

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## **6oth Anniversary Edition 2024**

### **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner**

Happy Anniversary to our Club We've gone through thick and thin I only know a bit of it So that's where I'll begin.

Before I started at the club One day it rained and rained Floods lifted-up the carpet green And caused a heap of pain.

We had a third green up the top But it was wet and slow Some players didn't like it And we had to let it go.

Covid came to test us
Things were quiet for a while
But we flattened that curve, got back on the green
Again, we started to smile.

We scrubbed down floors, and walls and doors When we refreshed the club We painted, washed and we need to thank The members who did a great job.

The deck is a fantastic asset Some weren't too sure at first But everybody loves it Especially when dying of thirst!

New members from our Fridays Have been such a boon But we've lost a few, I'm sad to say POD would always be gone too soon. As well as our new players We don't forget our old Great work, Bruce Kendrick – 50 years! An achievement that is gold.

We've done a lot, when you think of it I cannot list it all Pennant and tournaments, dinners and Corporates Really, we've had a ball.

We enjoy our moments of glory We try to forget the pain But week by week we turn up And do it all over again.

I've mentioned hardly anyone
Far too many for my pen
We come and go, that's the nature of things
But our club will go on.

We need to thank our Presidents, our committees too They've been there rain or shine Working hard behind the scenes To keep us all in line.

I'm glad this Club is mine.

#### **Lindsay Markham**

Thank you Lindsay for such a wonderful reflection of our Club

#### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Day

On Saturday 7 September the Club celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the season opening with our current club champions, Jenny Roberts and Minh Vo simultaneously rolling the first bowls. The opening was followed by a bowls master class with our guest of honour Steve Glasson, former world champion and OAM.





This was followed by a sumpteous three course  $60^{th}$  Anniversary Dinner in the evening. There was a wonderful display of memorabilia with Michelle Chan and her husband Ray attending the dinner dressed in old bowls uniforms.

#### Memorabilia -current and previous Club tops





### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition 2024



Steve Glasson catching up with members prior moving to dinning room, enjoying great conversations and wonderful entrée foods





The amazing kitchen team preparing our meals. A big thank you to all those who volunteered to help with serving the food. We really appreciate the work put in by Michael Chan in preparing the delicious food.



Some of our members enjoying the wonderful food and conversation.







Special connection, Noelene Allen and Peter Harney went to the same school and did their deb, with different partners, in the same deb a number of years ago.

#### **Special Awards**

The catering team received appreciation awards for their contributions in ensuring wonderful night for all that attended.



Jill Anderson received a special award for her contribution to the Committee of Management including her time as Secretary and all her amazing efforts with securing grants to help improve our club.

#### **Honorary Member**

Our special guest speaker Steve Glasson OAM, from BCIB Insurance, was made an Honorary Member of the Club at the anniversary dinner.



#### **Two new Life Members**

Tony Allan and Richard Sluggett were made Life Members of the Club at the anniversary dinner.



#### 60th Anniversary Edition 2024



Our newest life members with Steve Glasson



All of our Life Members who attended the dinner with Steve Glasson

A big thank you to all our sponsors who attended the dinner and for their ongoing support of our Club.

#### Club Championships.

The championship committee has placed entry lists for all club championship events in the foyer. Please put your names on the lists for those events you wish to play in. We will advise of closing dates and match details as soon as we can.

What is happening around Mount Waverley Bowls Club? – Save the dates!

The club is hosting an appreciation night for our sponsors Thursday 7 November.

The Executive will be hosting a Volunteers' morning tea on 8 November 2024 to thank all our volunteers for all that they do for our Club. If have volunteered throughout the last year we look forward to seeing you at the morning tea.

This year the Club will host a Christmas luncheon on Sunday 1 December. Mark the date in your diary.

The Social Committee are looking for donations for the Christmas hamper. Check out the notice board in early November calling for the donations.

Keep 14 February 2025 free for the Valentine's Italian Themed Dinner.

We would like some entertainment on the evening (not just our Italian duo), so if you would like to contribute - start practicing your skits, songs, poems etc.

MWBC tournament will be held on Saturday 5 April 2025— a notice will be out in the New Year

Proposed date for presentation dinner is Saturday 12 April 2025.

#### **Promotional Video**

A promotional video is currently being prepared by a Working Group in association with Kel Watson to assist with the recruitment of new members to our Club.

A visual story line and commentary for the video was recently approved by the Committee of Management and video clip of our outdoor and indoor facilities, and bowling, social, and community events taken over the past year will be used to put the video together.

The video will feature two of our new members — Maisie Tsoi and Michael Patterson.

It is anticipated that the video will be completed over the next few months and put onto our website.

#### Cath Collins of MasterChef joins Reach & Belong



Earlier this year, Cath Collins — MasterChef 2023 extraordinaire — began working in our Hurstbridge Cooking program and has been in her element ever since. It has been such a joy for her that she has now joined our Mt Waverley Cooking program too!

Growing up in a large family of 10 children, food was always a big deal in her household. Resources were understandably stretched, and this is where Cath first experienced the creative side of cooking. She recalls ways her family made the food go further, so that no one missed out, and often were still able to enjoy dessert too. These early memories clearly left an imprint on Cath and her siblings, many of whom also consider themselves to be foodies.

"Food was about connection and coming together. We always looked forward to it and enjoyed that time together at dinner every night," said Cath.

Cath appeared as a contestant on MasterChef in 2023, where she quickly became a fan favourite for her infectious smile, warmth, and the joy she brought to the kitchen. It was obvious that, for Cath, cooking was about more than just food.



"I have a real joy for cooking, and I would love for everyone to experience that."

But it wasn't just Cath's passion for cooking that shone through on our screens, it was her kindness and compassion. MasterChef is a notoriously stressful, high-pressure environment, where it would be easy to fall apart. Cath was able to get through all of these challenges by showing herself the same kindness and compassion that she so easily shows others.

Despite her achievements, Cath has remained humble, and never lost sight of what cooking means to her. She describes how grateful she is to be a part of the Reach & Belong Cooking programs.

"It's so special to me. I see the participants coming together in a social environment, they are learning about food, building independence, working together as a team, and having fun. It really is a pure delight!"

Cath recently hosted a very special High Tea morning at Mt Waverley Bowling Club for Participants and their families/friends. It was lovely to be joined by some Bowling Club members too. The industrial kitchen was of great use as Cath left no plate or platter unturned as she served up a feast! Her daughter Abby joined her to help at our High Tea, icing cakes and setting up the stands.

It was a real treat for all involved to be able to not just sample Cath's culinary delights, but also to ask questions about Cath's MasterChef journey and see her passion for cooking firsthand. A truly special experience for all involved, and not one that the attendees will easily forget.





Be sure to say hi to Cath if you see her friendly face at Mt Waverley Bowling Club. She loves sharing her knowledge and love of food and cooking!

"We are thrilled to have someone of Cath's talent, commitment and genuine warmth be part of the Reach & Belong team," said Fiona Memed, Managing Director of Reach & Belong. "Her food is a celebration of love and she engenders a love of creation and anticipation in all participants."





## You too can help the Club.



Looking for a way to financially support the Club and receive a personal tax deduction?

All claims for a tax deduction of \$2 and over are subject to being accepted by the Australian Taxation Office, who can be contacted for professional advice if either an individual or business is uncertain of their taxation position.

Please speak to the Executive of the Club if you wish to obtain more details on donating to the Club.

#### **House Sale Referrals**

Our good friends and major sponsor Jellis Craig are again offering an incentive to members and their relatives ort friends in 2024/25 if they refer potential house sales to Jellis Craig.

Any member referring a successful sale through Jellis Craig, irrespective of area, will receive \$1,000.

A relative or friend referring a successful sale through Jellis Craig, irrespective of area, will receive \$500, with \$500 going to the Club.

Please be on the lookout for future opportunities, making sure you identify as a Club member and your relatives and friends identify their relationship to you.

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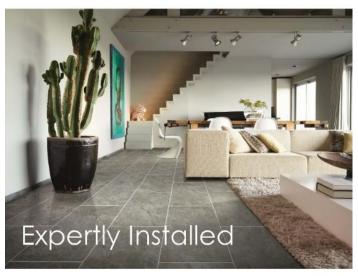


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