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MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.

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**December 2025**

*It's been a tough start to the season for some teams but we  
can still have a good party !!*



*Alan's musical teasers has this lot thinking hard.*

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR 2026 !**

*As always our wonderful social committee have provided yet another lovely lunch which the audience below obviously enjoyed.*





## **SUPER WEDNESDAYS - KEEPS ROLLING THEM IN!**



Both the November and December events saw 30+ players on the green. And once again one of our new members was in the prize money. Gary Bruce repeated his success in October so has put himself in the eye of the selectors!

Jellis Craig was our sponsor for the November and Di Goldsmith presented the prizes.

Overall winners, John Girvan (from Blackburn Bowls Club), Sarina Bonnici and Gary Bruce.  
Second was a team of Joe Bonnici, Fui Chong and Les Browne.

Lucky Lead - Bruce Kendrick      Lucky Second - Gary Howell      Lucky Skip - Michael Murray

Door Prize was won by Byron Savory

In December BCIB, the Clubs insurance provider was the sponsor.

Barrie Epstein, our President, presented the prizes on behalf of BCIB to the following winners.

Gary Bruce ( again !!!)  
Michelle Chan  
Doug Oldfield

## ***ANOTHER MIGHTY MASTER BUILDERS EVENT!!***

On Wednesday 17th December the Club hosted the Master Builders Group to play for the Batchelor Memorial Shield.

The Trophy was won by Mount Waverley last year but sadly we were well beaten this year by some 40 shots and the Trophy returned to the Master Builders. We did notice that they were suitably fortified by the presence of Joe, Sarina and Vito in Master Builder colours!!

This is always a very competitive day played in great spirit and we were blessed with a beautiful summer's day - the first really hot day of this summer. Sensibly the play was cut short at 3.30 pm instead of 4pm.

### Winning rinks

For Master Builders - Sarina Bonnici, Don Hawse, Karen Baker, Doug Finalson

For Mount Waverley - Harry Kalatzis, Michelle Chan, Michael Banbury, David Rae

Joe Bonnici, as always, was our colourful and cheerful Master of Ceremonies.



## PROMOTION BRINGS CHALLENGES

Yes - we did well last year and this year we are having to face up to the consequences - games at a higher level against some very strong clubs.

Side 1 is currently sitting at the bottom of the ladder in Division 2, while Side 2 is third from bottom in Division 4. However, the adjacent clubs are still within reach and we hope for a stronger second half.

Meanwhile Midweek and, especially, Night Pennant teams are doing really well. Both Side 1 and Side 2 in Midweek are holding third spot in the top half of their respective ladders.

Night Pennant Side is undefeated after eight games. They sit in top spot on the Ladder with 84 points. Oakleigh 1 is their nearest rivals with one defeat on 70 points, with a significant gap to Edithvale 2 on 50 points..

## The recruitment drive continues...

Over the past year, the Club has recruited 33 new members, 10 in the past 5 months. Have you met these new members? If not, time to make the effort.

Harry Kalatzis - now a consistent second team member - well done Harry.

Gideon and Maryse Baker.

Mark Orski.

Agnes Koo.

Bruce Robinson.

Congratulation to Graeme Robinson for signing up his brother Bruce – a \$25 voucher will be presented to you shortly.

A second successful stall was held at Mount Waverley Village Market when a well-known face from the past appeared- Joe Ventura - a regular member of our gardening team.



For new members wanting to improve their bowling skills, we remind you that, in addition to one-on-one coaching by appointment, the Club runs an informal social bowls session on Friday mornings between 10 and 12 with a Club coach in attendance.



## Around the Club..

Did you know that Mount Waverley was really " The High Country" - you'd certainly believe it when you see this shot of one of our member's houses turned into a high country cabin for an episode in the series of the same name. Can you guess the address ..??



**Talking of trees** - the trees overhanging the roof of the clubhouse and choking our downpipes are due to be trimmed in the near future.

### New Lease

Over the past few months the Exec Team have been discussing with Monash Council the contents of a new lease. Council has proposed a 10 year lease with a range of conditions. We have now sent back to council a very thorough review of the proposed lease with the club comments. Council has indicated that it will be late January at the earliest before we get a response.

**Look out for new flagpoles.** Our new COM member, Vito de Cesare has undertaken the task of replacing the flagpoles which were recently removed by council on the grounds that the foundations were unsafe.

**New website coming soon.....**

## Not him again!!

They beat their breasts and cried out loud,  
As they faced the northern wall,  
Where the selectors had placed the team selections  
On the notice board was their call.

There were some that swore and some that cried,  
And some who stood and muttered  
Some were proud, some were coy,  
And others merely stuttered.

There were voices raised in anger,  
Shrill screams split the air,  
There were those who didn't say a thing,  
Because they really didn't care.

"I won't play with him", one said,  
"He's a bloody hopeless skip."  
And one who very quietly said,  
"It's time I took my trip."

There were many self selections,  
There were lots of "bloody hells!"  
There weren't very many  
who said the Selectors had done well.

The players knew who should be there,  
They knew who to pick,  
Just ask them when you hear them say,  
"That selector is a \$\$\$@!."

Each year the tears get deeper,  
As on the floor they fall,  
From those who stand in anguish  
Before the northern wall.

From the Vale of Leven Bowling Club, Scotland.

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**FRIDAY AFTERNOONS - 3.30 -4.30pm**

We would like to thank all of you who  
turned up on a Friday afternoon.

We have been delighted that between 15-  
20 people have turned out in the first few  
weeks of our program. Members have told  
us that they have enjoyed tackling some  
different drills and skill tests and this is  
very rewarding for us.

We will be starting again in the New Year-  
so if you haven't made it yet- come and  
give it a go!

David Rae and Jo Bonnici



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**NOVEMBER 2025**

Lynda Banbury  
Michael Banbury  
David Buchanan  
Fui Chong  
Jason Connelly  
Peter Crellin  
Jean Delaunay  
Gareth Husband  
Shian Chii Loo  
Elsa Meldrum  
Fiona Memed  
Patricia O'Brien  
Gail Stevens  
Maisie Tsoi  
Elizabeth Welner  
Wai Khee Yap

**DECEMBER 2025**

Michael Banbury  
Bernie Brennan  
Lorna Bridgland  
Clare Gately  
John Jennings  
Peter McDonald  
Jenny Roberts  
Gail Stevens

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**mark - attention David Rae**



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