



# Beaumont Bowling Club

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## 2017 Calendar Dates

**Sunday 15 January**

First meeting of MBA

**Tuesday 17 January**

Night Owls commences

**Monday 23 January**

Busy Bee

**Monday 6 February**

Alfred James Community Session  
from 7pm

**Friday 10 February**

Barefoot Bowls

**Friday 24 February**

Barefoot Bowls

**Friday 3 March**

Quiz Night

**Friday 10 March**

Barefoot Bowls

**Monday 20 March**

Club Tournament

**Friday 24 March**

Barefoot Bowls

Hi everyone

Welcome back! Wasn't it nice to come back after the Christmas break to a brand new kitchen? There are still a few finishing touches and the floor to be done but gee it looks stunning. As you can imagine, this has taken many, many hours of planning and coordinating and the Board at their first 2017 meeting formally acknowledged the work of **Ian Campbell** who took on the role of project manager. Thanks must also go to **John and Heather Forrest** and **Prue Langsford** who worked hard to re-pack everything. We have a lot more space, which is good.

Any item we didn't keep will be sold at a garage sale after Easter and yes, we will be calling on members to donate any unused goods you have around the house. We will let you know the date for our garage sale soon.

The Board has agreed that we now need to prepare a submission to the Office of Recreation and Sport for a grant to upgrade our toilets. This work takes many hours and will involve drawing up plans, arranging quotes and attending meetings to ensure our submission is successful. Thank

you to **John Binks-Williams** who will be overseeing our submission.

### Metropolitan Bowls Association

Bowls SA has now formed a Metropolitan Bowls Association (MBA) and this is quite a significant change as this group will now be running our pennant bowls competition. The first meeting of the MBA is on **Sunday 15 January** and clubs have been asked to bring along any issues they would like to raise about the current pennant season and to identify any future directions. The points that your Board have identified at this stage are listed below and we will be raising these at the inaugural meeting. I will keep you informed about the outcomes of the meeting.

### *Current Pennant Season*

- The new structure for pennants does not reward minor premiers where there are finals in that division. A side that finishes on top at the end of the season deserves to be rewarded as well as the grand final winner.
- The new structure has disadvantaged Beaumont which played in Metro 1 in 2015/16 which was only 2 levels below Premier League. This season, without being

relegated, our side is now playing in Division 4 which is 4 rungs below Premier League. This has the potential to impact on our ability to attract new players and retain promising players.

- As a club, we are interested in ascertaining how beneficial the early start for Wednesday pennants has been.

### ***Future Directions for Pennant Bowls***

- The current format for the majority of sides is teams of four. Is it time to explore this format and propose different models that could be trialled? Our top side has teams of pairs, triples and fours on Wednesday and our bowlers find this format very engaging.
- We are really heartened to be informed that a meeting will be held in February to discuss the current women's competition and its future. Our club started a new women's team in 2014/15 with only one experienced player and the rest responding to our club's recruitment strategies. The future of women's bowls is of concern because we believe that this competition is essential.
- The financial viability of a number of clubs needs to be recognised as a serious issue to be considered in the decision making processes of the Metropolitan Bowls Association.
- What are the implications in staffing this new association under the umbrella of Bowls SA? Will we be adding another

layer of bureaucracy and maintaining the staffing level of Bowls SA?

Did you know that there are 4,500 metro bowlers with 53 clubs and 9,500 country bowlers spanning 157 clubs?

### **Barefoot Bowls**

We will be running 4 x Friday sessions in **February and March (the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of each month)**. We will be advertising in local schools and asking families/groups to book so we can ensure there is enough food, etc. We also have some sponsors who would like to join us. Why not come along with your grandchildren or some neighbours and show them what you do away from the house!

### **Night Owls**

Night Owls will be starting on **Tuesday 17 January** and we are aiming to have 100 playing on a Tuesday night. This is so important for our club.



### **Alfred James Community Session**

Don't forget that Renee from Alfred James will be running a light hearted session titled "The Final Matters" at our club on **Monday 6 February at 7pm**. The bar will be open at 6.30pm. If you would like more information, please go to the events section on the home page of our web site.

### **Quiz Night**

To stimulate your grey cells, we will be running a Quiz Night on **Friday 3 March**. Please put the date in your diary and we will provide all the details very soon.

### **Club Tournament**

Our second club tournament has been scheduled for **Monday 20 March** and we will be looking for a large group of volunteers and players.

Another date for the diary.

### **Busy Bee**

A Busy Bee will be held on **Monday 23 January**.

Please see if you can spare some time as we constantly need to keep our club looking good. This way, more and more people will hire it.



### **Volunteering**

2017 at Beaumont has been declared the year of "Can I do anything to help?" or "Is there anything I can do?" We are asking all members to pick up a task around the club so we can spread the load amongst everyone.

If you see members getting the room ready for an event or carrying in loads of things, please offer to help. How about relieving someone of doing the raffle on a pennant day? The more members who help out, the stronger our club will become. So when a Board member approaches you and says, "Would you consider helping us?" give them a big smile and a big "yes". Thank you to the fantastic response to our pennant sandwich making for this half of the season (we have made \$2,100 profit so far which is fantastic).

Have a great second half of the season.

Regards  
*Leonie*

PS

Who is the member who decided to take their dog for a walk so they could post a letter? On the way the dog poos and the droppings are dutifully picked up and put in a black plastic bag as you should do. On arriving home though the letter was still in their hand but alas, there was no little black bag!!!!

A nice Christmas surprise for the postie!

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