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Beaumont Bowling Club Update No. 14 – June 2016

Dear Members

Your Board met last Monday and our portfolio areas: Governance and Finance, Bowls Operations, Social and Fundraising, Night Owls, Facilities and Communication and Membership were all discussed so each Board member can finalise their Action Plans for the year by our next meeting on Monday 11 July. Our plans will then be displayed for you to see what is going to happen and perhaps where you see yourself playing a role.

Facilities

Our new roof is proving to be a real blessing in this weather as it has integrated insulation and you can really notice the difference after the air conditioner has been on for a very short time. The Council also installed a rainwater tank for us which is terrific. We have also had all our fluoro lighting replaced (under a Government sponsored scheme) to more efficient lighting which will prove to be an effective saving for us. You will notice them when they are on as the diffusers have been washed at the same time so they look bright and clean.

Ian Campbell, John Binks-Williams and I met with Steven Henderson to review the draft plans for our kitchen. Once the plans have been finalised they will be displayed in the Clubrooms and you will have the opportunity to attend a meeting to provide your feedback if you wish. This is an exciting time and your Board has initially allocated \$25,000 to the project which includes the \$10,000 grant money from the Commonwealth plus members' generous donations of \$5,000 last year.

Busy Bee

Can you find the time to support us by coming to the next Busy Bee on **Monday 20 June** starting at **9am**? Every month, a very small band of members arrive and put in a tremendous effort for us so if you can be a new face next time, it would be really appreciated.



Clothing / Bric-a-Brac Sale

Firstly thank you for your terrific response to our sale. Your generosity has meant that we have needed to encroach into the bar area a little and will be asking social bowlers to be patient and understand how important this is for our club. Thank you in advance. A h-u-g-e thank you to **Maxine Swain** who has worked tirelessly with a small band of helpers to get everything prepared and priced. We have even had a night owler volunteer to come and help. Great stuff!



Bowls Operations

Pennant Availability Forms will be sent out very soon so you can indicate the days you will be playing in the next season. We do hope you can be prompt with your response so we can begin to estimate how many sides we will have given all the proposed new changes. This will be followed by a volunteer form so all members can tick an area(s) where they would like to be involved. This will save us having to send out notes requesting support all the time.

We are delighted that **Jim Feetham** has again been unanimously endorsed by the Board as Chair of Selectors. An in-depth discussion occurred at our meeting around selection and we are currently exploring ways that will ensure our selectors work in a collaborative way rather than taking sole responsibility for just one group. Our aim is that all the selectors will progress the playing ability of the whole club. There will more about this from **Don Topsfield and Stephen Jones** (Coordinators) and we are hoping that this approach will broaden the number of members who wish to nominate, irrespective of where you think you may be playing. Expressions of interest will be sent out soon.

Our traditional **Season Opening Day** will be on **Saturday 10 September**. We will be having pennant practice on that day and on each Wednesday and Saturday after that until pennants start. The AFL Grand Final this year is on 1 October and internal pennant practice matches will be played in the morning. All this means is that the last social bowls days will be respectively Saturday 3 September and Wednesday 7 September.



We have already organised 4 reciprocal home and away trial games against Sturt and Blackwood. The first is at home against Blackwood and more dates will be sent to you in the near future. Just a reminder – the **pennant season starts on Wednesday 5 October, Thursday 6 October and the first Saturday is 8 October**.

Robert Field has agreed to be our Tournament Director (thank you Robert) and we are planning our **first tournament for Monday November 29** and a second after the pennant season – the date for this is still to be confirmed but is looking like late March or early April.

Have you always had a deep desire to become an umpire, measurer or marker? Bowls SA will be conducting courses at Payneham Bowling Club – please look for a notice on the board in the near future or let me know and I can send you a copy.

New Uniform

We are encouraging members to visit Jack High sooner rather than later so you ensure your royal blue pants are ready for our Open Day. The member who spent \$10 buying some dye, testing it on a handkerchief which worked really well but alas didn't translate quite as well to his long pants shall remain nameless!!! How many drinks would this have bought at the bar, I wonder!

Regards

Leonie