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Dear Members

This is an incredibly busy time of the year given the pennant season is only a few weeks away but it's also important that we take time to reflect on the positive vibe in the club following our successful Opening Day on Saturday 10 September. It was an absolute pleasure to meet **Fred Killick** and hear his amazing story during WW2 and to actually see his Legion of Honour award.....and then to have the Mayor roll the first bowl down and get so close to the jack. Sheesh! How did he do that? It was even better that the Mayor had a tour of the men's toilet thrown in.... The lunch was outstanding and whilst the first pennant practice was serious, there was a great deal of support and encouragement happening on the greens as well. **Thank you to everyone who worked hard to ensure the day was such a success.**

Remember the quote, "If I had 6 hours to cut down a tree I would spend 4 hours sharpening the axe". One member emailed me to say that they were keen to get to practice so they could "sharpen the axe". Perhaps this is the new title for bowls practice!

Our Board meeting was indeed a long one on Monday night and there is much to share with you and also some very important dates for your diary.

Kitchen Re-development

By now, you would have received notification that we are holding a special meeting (as per our Constitution requirements) on **Tuesday 4 October at 7pm** to gain approval for the expenditure of \$30,340 and to share the plans of our kitchen upgrade with you. These plans are on display in the clubrooms and if you have any queries prior to the meeting please see **Ian Campbell** who chaired the small committee working on this. A government grant of \$10,000 plus donations from club members of just over \$10,000 form two thirds of the amount. This year, a number of members have donated a grand total of \$6,000 which is a staggering amount to add to the \$4,000 from last year. **Thank you so much to all those members - a truly amazing gesture.** The remainder will come from club reserves and is included in the 2015/16 budget. We do hope that many of you are able to attend this meeting to hear about our exciting plans.



Bowls Etiquette Session

On **Thursday 29 September at 7pm**, **Don Topsfield** will be running a session at the club on "Bowls Etiquette". Yes, this is a very important meeting for all our new bowlers but the session is probably

just as important for relatively new and seasoned bowlers as a timely reminder of the expectations of each bowler during pennant season. The session will run for approximately an hour and there will be a sausage sizzle at 6:30pm when the bar will be open. **Thank you to Don for preparing this for us.**

Club Championships

Nomination forms for all our club championships will be on the board at the end of this week. This is much earlier than usual as we want winners to be able to play in the Champion of Champions if they wish. Can you **please note that every event you enter will cost you \$7, even if it's pairs.** Last year these fees surprised a few people and there was a bit of work following everything up. So, have a go and good luck.

Pennant Sandwiches

We will be making our own sandwiches again and the cost will remain at \$7 which is excellent value given our delicious fillings. We might add the carrot, cheese and mint filling this year given they disappeared in the blink of an eye on Opening Day. We received a large number of volunteers to assist in the kitchen and until we receive the match programme it's a bit difficult to complete a roster. This helps us decide how many helpers we will need and where people are playing.



There will be something different this year as each Board member will be taking turns to work with teams to get the sandwiches and the "bowling cake" ready for pennants.

Thanks to all Board members for rolling up their sleeves.....

Grant Application

We will be applying for a \$5,000 Equipment Grant from the Office of Recreation and Sport in the next few weeks. We will be requesting money to purchase 8 scoreboards for the C green, some new outdoor furniture and some sets of bowls for our social bowls and night owls.

Quiz Night

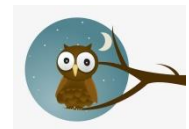
*What is the main colour of a traditional Italian salsa verde?
As of 2016, which 2 people have won the Gold Logie 5 times?*



It's time to get the brain working as on **Saturday 5 November Stephen Jones** will be conducting a Quiz Night at the club. He ran one recently and it was a big success. We will send out details later but please add this date in your diary. It would be good if you can approach family members, friends and neighbours as this is an important fundraiser for us.

Night Owls

Night owls will start on **Tuesday 18 October** and there will be a meeting called soon for all the volunteers so we can get prepared and develop rosters for all the tasks that need to happen to ensure these nights run smoothly and successfully.



We will be aiming to bolster our numbers this year and **Brian Molloy** has visited 30 local businesses to encourage them to form a team and come along. Sponsors are also being encouraged to join us. We have 5 new pennant players this year from our night owls so this programme is incredibly important for our future, both financially and increasing our membership.

Barefoot Bowls

Barefoot Bowls will be a new initiative we will be trialling in **November on Friday nights**. This will be based on what happens interstate and will enable groups / families to come along and hire a rink for \$7 each for 2 hours. This will start around 6pm with hamburgers, etc available for players. There will not be an organised competition like we do with night owls so we won't need numerous volunteers. We already have a few members who will be bringing their grandchildren. There are 2 clubs that hold a barefoot bowls programme so we are intending to contact them to discuss how they go about it. There will more about this later.

Code of Conduct

This time of the year is also a good time to alert you to our Code of Conduct / Grievance Procedures which were developed last year. These are attached. Fortunately we have only had to use them once and the issue was resolved very quickly to everyone's satisfaction.

Club Tournament

Another date for the diary.....

BBC will be holding a tournament on **Monday 28 November sponsored by The Feathers Hotel** which will provide \$1,000 in prize money.

Remember all these dates are on our website if you need a reminder.

Robert Field has agreed to be the tournament director as he has done so well in the past.

Pool Table

As you know, we are selling our pool table given it is very very rarely used, needs work and cannot be easily moved, so provides no versatility when we have a function. A little bit of homework has revealed that there are a huge number on the market so if you are interested in purchasing it please don't hesitate to contact me.

Bits and Pieces

Hooray! As a Board, we are going to look at purchasing a portable vacuum cleaner so we can quickly clean the carpets / floor rather than ignoring any mess or having to get the large vacuum out. There are some good sales on at the moment so we should be able to buy a reasonably good one.

The gas line has now been installed and we are waiting for the gas to be connected.

A skip will be hired for the grass clippings to be removed.

Contacts List for 2016/17: names and contact numbers of all members are now on the table by the office. **Thanks to Mike Miller for getting this done.**

Well, not many sleeps to go now.....

So, good luck everyone and good luck to our selectors.

A very special good luck to all our new players.....

PS Just in case you can't sleep, the answers to the quiz questions are.....Green; and Ray Martin and Graham Kennedy.

Regards

Leonie