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Dear Members

We are now well and truly into the bowling season and I know the selectors spent a great deal of time filling sides in week 1 because of the number of players away or ill. This seems to have become a common pattern for us and thanks must go to the people who step in to help us out. It will be good when everything is back to normal.

We had a relatively good start to the season with some very good wins and our Division 7 Saturday side with a number of new players and skippers started the year in a spectacular fashion and sit on top of the ladder. Well done!

So, let me get down to business and provide you with a summary of our Board meeting on Monday night.

Toilet Upgrades

As you know, we have 2 current submissions to obtain grants for our toilet upgrades. I think you are all aware by now about the *Fund My Neighbourhood* programme and I will keep you up to date given voting starts on October 18. This is for a total of \$116,000.

Our second submission is part of the *Stronger Communities Project* being run through Christopher Pyne's office (this is the same one as the kitchen). The good news is we have been nominated to receive \$15,000 and we now have to wait for final approval. Part of this project requires the Club to match the amount received. We have nominated only the men's toilet for this project and the good news is this will achieve quite a bit.

Obviously the larger amount would solve everything regarding our toilets but the second project will certainly assist us if we are not successful with the *Fund My Neighbourhood* programme.

Bowls Operations

On **October 19 at 7pm John Forrest will be run a session for markers**. John will provide you with a list of dos and don'ts so this session will benefit you no matter what position you play. There is a booking sheet on the table by the office. Thanks John.

On **Friday October 27 at 4.30pm John Elwin and John Bohner will run their bowls improvement session** for all members. If you remember, this was cancelled because of the footy and we are delighted that a good number of you are very much looking forward to the session. How do they go about getting their weight and line etc?

A booking sheet will be on the table by the end of the week.

The registration form for our **Club Tournament on Monday November 20** is on the board and it's encouraging to see a number of teams have already nominated. Please chat to a few other members if you wish to form a team.

New Members

I love this bit of the newsletter because it means our numbers are growing. A big welcome to **Joci Pledge** and **Marilyn Falahey**. Joci has transferred from the Mintaro Bowling Club and Marilyn is a new bowler who has already shown a great deal of potential. Do you know what is even better? They are bypassing several other clubs because of how friendly they found Beaumont in comparison to the others.



We also welcome **Murray Barber** as an Associate member. Murray is known to everyone because he has been an avid social bowler.

You just never know.....a couple were watching the women practise on Tuesday and when approached about having a go they said they had been thinking about it for a while and would contact us as they were thinking of coming to Night Owls. A friendly face does it every time.

Club Championships

Have you nominated yet to play in our club championships? Well, the committee is so organised that after the **close off date for nominations on October 24** the draw will be completed by Friday October 27.

That's not a long time so the nomination forms will not be up after the 24th if you have missed the deadline.

Club Jackets

Our original club jackets are so popular that when a second hand one arrives it is snapped up immediately. **Tom Pointon and Mike Miller** now have enough interested members to place an order for a **cost of around \$85 each**. We will not be bulk buying so if you would like one, the order form is on the table by the kitchen. There are some size guidelines to help you choose the right size so if you are interested you will need to place your name and size in the next few days. Please turn the sheet over as the front page has been filled.

Future of Our Greens

The Future of Our Greens Committee (**Paul White, Tony Myles, Ian Campbell and myself**) has now met and over the next few months will explore the feasibility of changing to synthetic, the benefits of employing contractors or retaining a greenkeeper. This is not going to be a pie in the sky study because we will look at a range of factors and if they are not possible then that will be that in the short term. Members have a variety of opinions on what we are doing so if you would like to express an opinion please do so in writing as it would be most unfair for Board or Committee members to be bombarded with anecdotal comments. Your comments will be confidential and you can hand your comments to any committee member. This is a necessary process for us to go through if we are to continue to move forward.

Busy Bee

What a great group of members who came to the last Busy Bee and paved the area under the pergola! The area looks very professional. Our **next Busy Bee will be on Monday October 16** and there's a job for everyone no matter your age or skill level. The group will be painting the marker bins for A and B greens, fixing some loose fencing iron, etc. Please come along at 9am and give this very loyal group some support. Thank you.



Sandwiches

I think I said in a previous email that we make a total of \$300 instead of \$3,000. Oops! Sorry about that. Once again thank you to the 27 helpers and I already have 2 reserves if you can't make one of the times.

Night Owls

Our starting time is **Tuesday October 24** and your next Messenger newspaper will include a great advertisement inviting community members to come along and have a go. A flyer has also been placed on the community board outside the Burnside Library.



Clothing Sale

As you know, we have a few members doing it tough at the moment so **Maxine Swain** has kindly offered to run a clothing sale to offer some support from our Club. What a fantastic gesture! She now needs donations within the next week of both men and women's clothing so if you can help you can either contact Maxine or bring the clothes to the Club. The sale is very soon so she will need your donations by **Wednesday October 18** at the latest. Thanks Maxine.

New Blinds

We have ordered 3 more blinds as part of our continual work to keep our facilities looking good. It will be lovely to remove the old broken blinds.

What a cake!

I love seeing **Rocco Galluccio** walk into our Club carrying an esky because it means we are getting some delicious **Golden North** ice-cream. What a member and wonderful sponsor. Well, Rocco celebrated a significant birthday not that long ago and the photo of the cake says it all.

Congratulations Rocco and we love your passion.



Christmas Dinner

I can't believe I am raising this but please make sure you have **Saturday December 2** in your diary for our Christmas dinner.

So much happening.....good luck with your bowling everyone.

Regards

Leonie