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Dear Members

Our final Board meeting summary for 2017.....I know, I know, where has the year gone? We have certainly ended the year with a bang with both our *Fund My Neighbourhood* and *Stronger Communities* projects being successful. We have also ended the year reasonably well on the Bowling Green as we have 2 sides that are currently on top of the ladder, a number of sides sitting in the middle and just below but unfortunately we have one side on Wednesday which is bottom. This will be a real challenge for us next year. The women's side finished strongly so let's hope this trend continues. There were some important discussions at our meeting on Monday night so please enjoy reading the final newsletter for 2017.

Social Bowls

Thank you to **Peter Hodgson** and **Chris Nance** for organising social bowls on Saturday December 16. The booking form is by the kitchen and at the completion of the day we will be drawing our famous Christmas raffle, along with some delicious sausage rolls. Thank you to **Heather and John Forrest** and **Prue Langsford** for putting together all the prizes and to all of you for donating a wide variety of goodies for the hampers. There are only a few raffle books still outstanding.

Future of our Greens

The sub-committee (**Paul White, Tony Myles, Ian Campbell and me**) that is looking at the future of our greens met recently and presented a progress report to the Board.

We have spoken with many clubs re the use of contractors, greenkeepers and the installation of synthetic turf and the committee members are to be congratulated for their thoroughness.

Two main issues have arisen from our work so far and they need to be investigated further if we are to make an informed decision about where BBC is heading with its greens.

These are firstly, the amount of movement that is evident in all of the greens which requires substantial top-dressing by John Bohner each year and secondly the impact the various fungi are having on our soil and tift dwarf lawn. It is interesting to note that both companies contacted re synthetic turf would not give a quote unless they received a Geotechnical report of the soil profile, especially on the western side of the greens.

The Board approved 2 recommendations at our meeting:

1. That a quote be obtained from a Geotechnical company to bore core samples in "B" green and to undertake the work prior to March 2018; and

2. That both soil and lawn samples are taken from all greens and the Waite Institute (or similar) be asked to provide a profile of the soils, assess the extent of the fungal diseases and provide a report on their findings.

This would also allow us to compare previous soil/grass reports and establish if any headway has been made on identifying the ectotrophic root-infecting fungi found in a previous soil report by Dr Wong from the University of Sydney.

Once we have processed all this information we will certainly invite you to a meeting to provide you with an updated progress report.

Fund My Neighbourhood

Guess what?

There's going to be a new round of Fund My Neighbourhood money in May next year.

Dare we apply again?

Anyway, for the moment we will just keep basking in the glow that we have \$139,000 to spend on our toilets. Mind you there's a fair bit of planning and writing to complete by February 16 to allow the Government to draw up a contract and if all goes well, the grant will be finalised by April 21.

Stronger Communities

As you know, we have been granted \$15,000 from the federal government's Stronger Communities program to upgrade our men's toilets. This program is the same one we received for our kitchen upgrade and means that the club has to match the amount dollar for dollar. Given the other money we have received, we can no longer use this for the toilets. We have contacted Vicki Chapman's office, Christopher Pyne's office and the federal government to request permission to change our submission remembering that this is about involving more community members to use our facilities.

To fit in with the criteria, we are currently working on a submission to refurbish our lounge, bar and casual dining room area which would include an upgrade to our entrance and the fascia of the bar and surrounds. This would be done to match our kitchen. A communication wall being developed to house our television, communication boards, etc; a first aid and cleaning storage cupboard purchased; increase lighting and the possibility of updating our carpet and furniture. Stephen Henderson, who designed our kitchen, is currently looking at a scope of work. This was endorsed by the Board as we may never have the opportunity to access this amount of money for this purpose again. The upgrade of this area was in our priorities for this year but only to obtain a quote. Fingers crossed the change is approved.

Club Championships

Please, please keep in mind the timeline for all rounds. Some of the events are falling behind so we are asking for all participants to be aware of the timelines and endeavour to meet them.

New Member

Welcome to **Ross Anderson** who has settled into the club beautifully and has already started to play. Choosing Beaumont was a very good decision Ross!



Working Bee

At the November Working Bee, there were 11 volunteers and even some apologies. That has to be a record. Thank you to everyone involved as the work was completed in record time. There will be another one scheduled for January so let's see if we can break the record.



Purchasing Officer

This lofty title “Purchasing Officer” has belonged to **Don Topsfield** who, over the years, has ensured that we have enough milk, tea bags, etc. **Brian Molloy** has volunteered to take over from Don so thank you Brian and thank you Don for keeping all these things running like clockwork and for buying upmarket tea bags rather than the cheapies. We really do appreciate it.

**THANK YOU
ALL
VERY MUCH**

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered throughout 2017 to make it such a great year. The comment I hear the most is how friendly we are and this has been the attraction for a number of new members.



Have a very Merry Christmas with your loved ones and a safe and Happy New Year.

The Board looks forward to seeing you all back on the greens starting Wednesday January 10.

Regards

Leonie

The women had an end of year celebration after their last game and the barman looked very festive indeed.

