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Dear Members

A b-i-g welcome back to everyone and, once again, Happy New Year!

Mind you, I was in a fruit 'n veg shop a few days ago and they had “Away in a Manger” playing throughout the shop so it got me back into a festive mood. We do hope 2018 is a year that sees you all in good health and let's all agree not to sweat the small stuff but focus on the really important things in life. The following is a summary of our first Board meeting for 2018.

Club Tournament

Our next club tournament is on **Monday February 19** and to be honest, we didn't realise the date was so soon.....that's what holidays do to you! We are going ahead with it and hope that nearly all BBC members form a team and enter the fun competition. Clearly we also rely on a big band of helpers to ensure the day is a great success. Thank you to **Bob Scholefield** and **Robert Field** who will be organising this in record time.

Club Championships

Well done to everyone in the club championships as we are on target with our timelines. This is terrific but the next rounds are looming very soon so we would like to send out a reminder to keep up the good work. If you have any queries please see **Tony Read** or **John Bohner** who are coordinating the event.

Our **Presentation Night is on Friday April 6** so please put the date in your diary as it is important we celebrate our club champions along with our **Member of the Year** and **Most Improved Player**.

Future of Our Greens

If you remember last year approval was obtained at the December Board meeting to undertake:

1. Core sampling and a geotechnical report on the sub-soil under “B” Green; and
2. Contact the Waite Institute to profile “B” Green soil and lawn to assess the extent of fungal diseases in the samples and provide a report on the findings along with recommendations for treatment.

These are two separate tasks and contacts have been made with the relevant organisations to see if we can complete these tasks by the end of January. These reports will assist the *Future of Our Greens* committee to continue their discussions about “where to next” with our greens. We will of course keep you informed about our progress.

Fund My Neighbourhood

We are currently having plans developed for our toilets and we will also be including the disability toilet and entrances to the toilets. These plans will be displayed once they are ready. We have yet another submission to complete by February 16 so a contract can be drawn up. The money from the project is then expected to flow from April.

New Barbecue

A big thank you to **Craig Wehr** from **Liftform Pty Ltd** who recently hired our facilities and then donated an extra \$1,200 to the club. We have decided to buy a nice new shiny barbecue with the money so we can acknowledge this very generous gift. Craig has informed me that he will be hiring the facilities in the not too distant future and will look forward to using the barbecue.

Volunteers

There are 2 areas where we currently need your help. One is helping John with the greens, particularly since John is now playing bowls on both Wednesdays and Saturdays. We have had one member come forward and would love a few more. The other area is our beautiful garden that makes our club look very attractive. Please consider your support for our club and if you feel it's a little underdone, one of these areas may just be right for you. If you can give some of your time please see **John Bohner** or **Ken Hawke**.

Busy Bee

Our last Busy Bee had a record number in attendance and the tasks were completed in record time. Gee, we are hoping this trend continues as our next one is on **Monday January 22**. One of the jobs includes painting marker bins for A and B Greens which I reckon everyone is qualified to do. Just rock up from 9am onwards with a bucket load of enthusiasm.....

Cleaning

Your Board is looking to extend our current cleaning time and to also increase the number of times we clean our clubhouse. We now have two Probus Clubs, a Church Group and a Bridge Club using our clubroom on a regular basis and then of course you add all the bowlers and the private functions and you quickly realise that there are now hundreds of people moving through this area most weeks.

Social/ Winter Bowls

We know Social / Winter bowling is a few months away but we are asking you to put your thinking caps on about how we can revamp our non-pennant bowls to attract a larger number and make them a must do for all members and members from other clubs. If you have any ideas, please chat to a Board member as last year we lost \$5,000 over the season.....we know some of this loss was due to some very lousy weather but numbers were well down when the weather was OK. Let's think outside the square to see what we can do.

Whiteboards

We are organising whiteboards to replace the blackboards we currently use for *Going Direct* and for John to use re our Greens. The *Going Direct* board will include Thursday as there is no room on the one we now use for the women.

We are not even half way through January and as you can see there is already a great deal happening..... so let's enjoy our bowls and celebrate the ones that get close to the jack and learn from the ones that don't and may the former outnumber the latter!!!!!!

Regards
Leonie