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Dear Members

Our Club is in good hands. Your Board met on Monday 12 June and spent three hours discussing and finalising our Strategic and Business Plan for 2017/2018. Our Plan will be placed on our website when it has been finalised and will be displayed on the noticeboard so all members can see what we are intending to achieve with your help throughout the year.

We have 5 major areas:

- **Bowls Operations and Improvement**

- Convenor : John Binks-Williams
- Committee : Tony Read, Bob Scholefield, John Bohner and Leonie Trimper

- **Governance and Finance**

- Convenor : Ian Williams
- Support Group : Pat Edwards and Margie Pointon

- **Facilities (Assets and Greens)**

- Convenor : Ian Campbell
- Committee : Ian Williams, Brian Molloy, John Bohner and Leigh Tonkin

- **Membership and Recruitment**

- Convenor : Leonie Trimper
- Committee : Tom Pointon

Our final area is **The Future Management of our Greens** from July 2018 as this is when John Bohner's contract finishes. Given the importance of this for the future of our Club, it was decided that the President and two Vice Presidents would select a small group of four to collect and collate all the necessary information for the Board to consider. It will also be critical that all members are kept informed as well.

Given the priority of our toilet upgrade, the Board needs to be reasonably circumspect this year but some of the items on our agenda are:

- purchasing a new barbecue;
- purchasing some new outdoor furniture;
- painting our Clubhouse using the "work for the dole" program;
- undertaking research on implementing "Cup" ground watering system to replace our overhead system; and
- researching the cost to refurbish our bar area which is looking very tired;

In the *Bowls* area, we intend to approach things a little differently and will be identifying and offering a wide range of activities for those bowlers who wish to improve their skills eg coaching, practice drills, information sessions, mentoring, etc.

The list could go on but I do encourage you to read the Plans when they are available. At this stage, we are eagerly waiting to hear whether the grant application for our toilet upgrade has been successful. We expect to hear about this at the end of July. Fingers crossed.

Thanks to **Tony Read** who put in a great deal of work with Board members in the preparation of our Strategic and Business Plan.

Selection Policy

The *Bowls Operations and Improvement* group presented a draft selection policy (draft since 2014) to the Board and this has now been ratified. The policy will be available shortly. As you know, **Jim Feetham** has been reappointed by the Board as the Chairman of Selectors and will be sending out nomination forms in the next few days for members who wish to nominate for the selection panel for 2017/2018. Some appointments will be rolled over from last year as appointments are made for a two year period. **Nominations will need to be lodged with the Secretary by 6pm on Friday 30 June.** We know this is not the most sought after job in the Club but it is certainly a vital one.

Meeting with the Burnside Council

At the end of May, Ian Campbell and I met with James Brennan who is the Property and Buildings Coordinator at the Council. It was indeed a very good meeting.

Some of the areas under consideration are:

- Provision for a loading bay and two disability carparks at the entrance to the Club.
- Conducting a review on the feasibility of “lift options” at the entrance so our Club is more accessible for people in wheelchairs.

While there were no firm promises, there was a good indication that they are ready to support us if we receive the grant to renovate our toilets.

We also discussed the renewal of our lease which comes up in 2018. Tony Read has agreed to look at the old lease and compare it to a recent lease completed by the Toorak Burnside Bowling Club as a sample provided by the Council.

Our relationship with our Council is very strong and augurs well for our future.

Happy Hour

What a great Happy Hour we had on Friday 16 June! Our fish and chips was voted by one member as the best they had ever eaten and such was the feedback I have a feeling it may be back on the menu very soon. Thanks again everyone for supporting these nights.



Our next one is on **Friday 30 June** and you will dine on roast chicken and vegetables drizzled with warm lemon-infused olive oil. We will also have gravy for the traditionalists. Dessert will be a ginger and peach crumble with Golden North ice-cream. **Bookings needed by Wednesday 28 June.**

Let's see if we can keep up the big numbers.....

Busy Bee

Please come along on **Monday 26 June from 9am** and help our Facilities group repair some shade covers, etc. It is important that we constantly maintain our grounds as it makes such a statement about us as a Club. All you need is some comfortable working clothes and a willingness to get your hands dirty.



What's Barbara Thinking Competition



The “What’s Barbara Thinking” competition received a good number of entries and the winner is **Geoff Wales**.
Geoff’s caption was, *“What do I really want - Gordon or a Gordons?”*

As you can see from all the news, we certainly haven’t gone into hibernation over the winter months and I will leave you with a little teaser that puzzled a few people at our last Happy Hour.

Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the largest mountain in the world?

Regards

Leonie