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Dear Members

Happy New Year to you all and we hope you enjoyed a very pleasant break and have returned fit and well for the second half of the bowling season.....although as I am sitting here at the computer both Wednesday and Thursday's games have been cancelled this week due to the heat - a sensible decision. It has been a mixed start for our sides but I must acknowledge our women's Division 3 who are now second on the premiership ladder. Our new players in Division 4 are also developing very nicely. What a journey it has been for us. Good luck for the rest of the season.

Your Board had its first meeting on Monday January 14 and the following is a brief summary of our discussion.

Rink Duty

The selectors have discussed changing the times for rink duty as a number of members live a distance from the club and asking them to come early on Wednesday and Saturday and then get home for a short time is just not practicable. It was suggested we change the times next year but the Board thought "why not now?" So, from Wednesday January 23, rink duty will be at 10.30am and on Saturday February 2 rink duty will commence at 11.30am. There is no play on January 26. We are encouraging all skippers to ring their team to remind them about rink duty so the load can be shared and not just left to a few.

Now if you looking for our vacuum cleaners, mops and buckets, you now need to go to the new cupboard in the disabled toilet where they are housed. Thanks **Leigh Tonkin and Ian Campbell** for assembling the kit.

Volunteers

It's always nice to share something positive and a big thank you must go to an army of volunteers who worked for the club throughout the break. We had a number of private functions prior to Christmas which were looked after by a large number of members. We even found some volunteers for a function on New Year's Eve. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



The state of our greens is also receiving many positive comments both from members and other clubs and I do need to single out **Dave Thomas and Ian Williams** for their hard work over the break and also to **Chris Nance** for keeping the garden looking beautiful.

Now here's an interesting one about our greens as John organised **Shaun Huddleston and Sam McGlinchey** to take photos using a drone so John could get an aerial perspective. They volunteered their services for free so thank you Shaun and Sam. The Bureau of Meteorology also sent an appreciative letter to **John Bohner** for his dedication to measuring the rainfall at the club and sending the data to the Bureau.

Electricity

The Metropolitan Bowls Association is organising a scheme for bowling clubs to band together to negotiate cheaper electricity prices through a broker, at no cost. You will appreciate that Beaumont has certainly indicated interest in the scheme if it means a saving. There will be more about this later.



Hall Upgrade

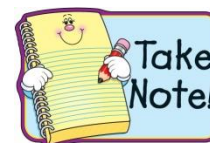
Approval was given at our Board meeting for our interior designer to draw up plans for the upgrade of our hall. As soon as the plans have been completed we will call a special meeting to both share the plans and seek endorsement for carrying out the work in manageable stages. I can't wait to get light, stackable chairs and tables you just wheel out. We are hoping to receive a grant to help with these so fingers crossed.

Night Owls

Night Owls started on Tuesday night and 53 brave souls turned up which is quite remarkable. The night started off very hot but ended with a very pleasant temperature.

Important Events

We will be organising another Quiz Night and of course our AGM and Presentation Night - we will set these dates very soon so you can add them to your diary.....BUT on **Saturday March 30 JL and the Crabs** will be performing at the club. Now this band happens to star our own **Dave Thomas** and they are generously donating their time to help us raise funds for our hall upgrade. So, get your dancing pumps out because tickets will sell fast to hear and dance to this renowned band.



The **Bushwhackers Tournament** is also on **Thursday April 11** and this is a biggie for the club.

Busy Bee

The next Busy Bee will be held on **Monday January 21** and we desperately need volunteers to help repair our shades and some seating. No skills necessary, but lots of enthusiasm.



Live Broadcast

The Metropolitan Bowls Association has initiated an opportunity for bowling clubs to tell their story through a live broadcast which can be viewed through the MBA Facebook page. Well it's our turn on **January 31 at 6pm**. **John Binks-Williams, Ian Campbell and I** will be talking about key issues at our club over the past 5 years and where we are heading. I believe we have a very good story to tell. More about this later.....

Enjoy the rest of the bowling season.

Regards

Leonie