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Dear Members

We have 70+ members coming to **Opening Day** on the **Saturday 14th** which is terrific. The weather is going to be excellent so if you haven't ticked the box to say you are attending, please do it a.s.a.p. so we make sure we cater for you and you are included in a game of bowls which **Jim Feetham** and the selectors will be organising.

Saturday Sandwiches

I have to start the newsletter with a very important topic.....our delicious pennant sandwiches. There will be a sheet on our communication ledge so if you can help on a **Saturday starting from October 12 until Saturday December 14** then we will be eternally gratefully. You will need the following skills: can count, butter bread, organise your filling between a number of slices and accept any constructive feedback!!!! Seriously, the group always have some laughs while making them. Once we have enough names we will get a roster made up so if there are some dates you can't make, just write the dates next to your name.



Pennant Practice

Have you heard the story about a bowler who ended up in a game with a bowl that came through a narrow gap and rested on the kitty? His opponent said, "That was a lucky bowl". The bowler's response was, "Yes, and the funny thing about it is the more I practise, the luckier I get".

Your Board spent a while at our meeting discussing how we can involve all pennant players in meaningful practice on a regular basis. In every Club on a Tuesday morning you will see women practising, so how do we develop this culture amongst others?

Membership

On Monday night, your Board approved **Kaylene Johns** from the Victor Harbor Bowling Club as a new member so, welcome Kaylene and we are delighted you are going to bowl with us. We welcome back **Neville Kirby** who was a dual member as he also bowled with Toorak-Burnside. Neville bowled with us a number of years ago and we are also delighted that he has returned.



Our membership continues to grow and on Tuesday morning at the women's practice another woman walked in and asked whether she could have a go at bowling because she had heard about our Club. This is indeed good news that word of mouth is spreading how friendly we are.

Facilities Facelift

The Burnside Council has reviewed and accepted our colour scheme for painting the exterior of our clubrooms and the scope of work is now out for tender. The work will be completed between Monday October 14 and Friday November 8 and it shouldn't interfere with us at all given our bowling season would have started. The offer from the Council doesn't extend to our railings, shade supports and sheds, etc but we have asked the tenderers to provide a separate costing for us to consider so that all the work may possibly be done at the same time, which would be excellent. **Ian Campbell** and **Dave Thomas** have already painted our rink bins in charcoal.



This work doesn't include the Club's name on the building so we are going to get some quotes for this using vinyl lettering (cheaper) or acrylic (longer lasting). We are going to look years younger!

Social Bowls

We have quite a group of non-pennant bowlers who have played social bowls on a regular basis and who will be playing for the last time on Wednesday. Your Board discussed this and we are going to **trial running social bowls on a Thursday afternoon** to see how it goes. We will need some people to organise it so if you would like to have a go please contact **John Binks-Williams**.

Pennant players may wish to join in as well. We have 3 new boxes of biscuits in the kitchen with a best date of January 20 so this will be a good way to use them up! It's always worth a try!

We must also thank **Chris Nance**, **Jo Kirby** and **Rocco Galluccio** for organising our social bowls throughout autumn and winter. They have done an outstanding job. Thank you so much for giving up your time every Wednesday and Saturday.

Air Conditioning

We have submitted an expression of interest into our local Federal member through the *Stronger Communities* program to replace the air conditioners in our hall. The quote we received from our wonderful sponsor **Humphrey's Electrical** was for a tad over \$20,000 and if our submission is successful, we will hopefully be granted half that amount. Fingers crossed that we get invited to send in a full submission which will be a good sign.

Just on our upgrade, we received a full quote from our designer **Stephen Henderson** that to totally complete the interior including the storage area for our tables, wall panelling, honour boards, painting, new trophy cabinet etc. will be around \$62,000. (this amount includes the air conditioning)

So we still have a little way to go but hopefully we will be able to complete the air conditioning (with the help of the grant) and the storage area very soon.

Our finances are looking good due to our very successful soup/curry nights and social bowls this year. We have very generous members.

Night Owls

Night owls will be starting on Tuesday October 22 and we will be in touch shortly with our “regular” helpers to see if they are still ready to get involved but if you would like to join us and get involved we can always use new people to help out.

It’s a great fun night so please chat to John Binks-Williams or myself if you are interested.

Tournament

Our tournament is on **Monday November 18** and a big thank you to **Robert Field, Bob Davies** and **Bob Scholefield** who will be organising the day. We are hoping most members will form a team and enter when the nomination forms come out.....no matter your level of experience.



Our next Board meeting is Monday October 1

See you on Saturday looking gorgeous and don’t forget to book the Feathers for our pizza night.

Regards
Leonie