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Dear Members

Your Board met on Monday night and as you would expect the impact of the coronavirus was a topic taken very seriously. Bowls SA and also the Metropolitan Bowls Association have now both sent out memos advising clubs about what action we should be taking. In a nutshell, we are being advised to **cancel all bowling events**, ie night owls, social bowls, Pennant finals, tournaments, etc. This will **also include our Presentation Night**, which we will have later, and **possibly our AGM**. **All private functions have also been cancelled for 2 months** at this stage. Your Board will monitor the situation regularly and keep you informed if there are any changes.

Staying healthy is paramount for all of us and of course we discussed the huge impact this is going to have on us financially as there will be no income for an unknown period of time. We are going to continue with the hall upgrade but only with the jobs that we have contracted to with businesses, and then we will stop. So, the partition at the back of the hall will be installed very shortly. Your Board recognises the need to act responsibly and prudently at such a challenging time.

We need to hear from you.....

Only 31 members have responded to the survey about the future of bowls. Thirty want the season to run for 18 weeks as it currently does and 1 member was happy for the season to be reduced to 14 weeks. Now, if the Metropolitan Bowls Association AGM goes ahead, all clubs will be voting and we would like to stand up and confidently say the percentage of members who responded to our survey was very high. It's not hard. Just **let Mike Miller know** that you like the status quo or you want to see a change. Just **reply to this update, type in a few words, press send** and it will go to Mike.

Ditch Edging

A big thank you to **Dave Thomas, John Bohner, Angelo Beltrame and Luigi Beltrame** who completed the edging on the C Green. Gee it looks terrific! It was a hard day's work and they only have 2 greens to go! We would also like to thank Angelo who has finally been able to get the hand driers fixed. Yeah! It has taken time but at last they stay on whether there's a big or small crowd at the club.

Grant for Painting

We will be applying to the Burnside Council for a grant of \$10,000 to finish painting the outside of the club. Wouldn't it be nicer than the hotchpotch of colours we currently have? The grant is due by March 25.

Bar Rules

If people without a *Responsible Service of Alcohol* certificate (RSA) go behind the bar to get themselves a drink, we would / could lose our licence which would be a catastrophe. Whilst it's not an issue while activities have been suspended the Board is asking you to take our bar requirements very seriously.

Easter Raffle

Oh dear, our raffle so far is looking very miserable and now we have missed out on all the night owls dropping in a donation. The club is still open for you to drop in some chocolate as we will still **draw the raffle on Wednesday April 1** although there won't be a crowd to watch the draw. Raffle books need to be returned before then please.



New Sponsor

Now this is exciting news! **Regis Aged Care Burnside** has come on board as a major sponsor and will be replacing Mitre 10. We are very excited about the potential of this partnership. Regis is located just around the corner from us in **Booth Avenue, Linden Park**. They are exploring the cost of advertising on our mats and flying a flag and also the possibility of being on our bowls stickers. Some great news in troubled times.

There are so many other things that I wanted to talk about such as **Karen Murphy** coming to the club for the day to coach a number of interested members, social bowls, etc but everything is in a state of flux.

So, I'll finish with some good advice from an article I read by Suzannah Lyons a science reporter..

"Shaking hands, singing only one and not two rounds of "happy birthday" when you wash your hands, going out with a dry cough or a sniffle or heading out for a drink with mates.....

These are the things the virus wants you to do.

Why?

Because for this virus, like any virus, its end game is to spread as much as possible so it can survive."

So, let's all belt out "happy birthday" twice as we wash our hands.

Do take care.

Regards

Leonie



