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Dear Members

Our first Board meeting with our newly elected members on Monday night went extremely well and there was so much to discuss. We welcomed **Kim Perry** our new **Treasurer** and **Pam Huntley** our new **Secretary**. So, find a nice warm place, get comfortable, have a drink in one hand and read about what is happening.

Subscriptions

By now you have received your subscription for the year, and we are encouraging members to pay a.s.a.p. If this is too difficult, please don't hesitate to see **John Binks-Williams** and we can make arrangements for you to pay in instalments. We are also asking for a donation towards upgrading our antiquated watering system so if you can help that would be terrific. Everything helps, no matter how small.

Metropolitan Bowls Association

The MBA held their AGM recently which **Bob Scholefield** kindly attended. There are 3 main points to come out of the meeting:

1. There can be only 1 Other Gender player in each team on Wednesday and Thursday. This means a total of 3 women on Wednesday and 2 men on Thursday.
2. Any afternoon tea on pennant days must be pre-packaged.
3. A survey will be sent to us in September about the proposed restructure of pennant bowls and in October/November an MBA representative will meet with us to discuss our response. If you remember, we were all adamant that we did not want the pennant season shortened.

The afternoon tea caused quite a discussion as we would have to use those individual plastic containers if we were to continue making sandwiches. Lots of work and lots of plastic! It was decided to see what other clubs will do before we make a final decision. Your ideas are welcome.

Social Bowls

Saturday social bowls will finish on Saturday September 5 and Wednesday September 9. The Pairs have been hugely successful and a big thank you to our organisers **Jo Kirby**, **Chris Nance** and **Graeme Langsford**.

Selection Committee

All the selectors met on Monday to have a look at the way they are going to work together. They discussed sides, trial games, communication, etc, so John will be sending you all a summary of their discussion.

The Board has decided to nominate 5 sides on Saturday, 3 on Thursday and at this stage, 3 on Wednesday although we are looking at a possible 4th side on Wednesday because we have 12 players over what is required. We were in this situation last year but promoting one side to a 16 just didn't work. We have spoken to the MBA and they have suggested we put in a 4th side if we can find enough reserves. We are going to ring night owlers, Associate Members, etc to see if we can obtain a large number of volunteers for the reserve list. The Board will then look at the situation and make a final decision.

Opening Day

Opening Day is on **Saturday September 12** and thus far we have **James Stevens MP** and The Honourable **Vicki Chapman MP** coming. We have also invited our Mayor and the CEO from The Burnside Council but have not heard from them yet. We are desperately hoping that our clubhouse upgrade will be completed by then but all the material comes from Victoria, so it is a *wait and see*. We will be cutting the red ribbon and thanking all our outside contributors because without them our renovating task would still be ongoing. **Uniforms will be a must** and there will be a delicious spread as usual.

Trial Games

The following trial games have been decided:

- Wednesday September 16..... Blackwood (away)
- Saturday September 19..... Blackwood (home)
- Wednesday September 23.....Prospect-Broadview (home)
- Saturday September 26.....Internal Practice Game
- Wednesday September 30.....Kensington Marryatville (home)
- Saturday September 3.....Prospect-Broadview (away)

Due to the number of men for Wednesday they will be a priority in selection and Saturday will be open gender.

Pennant Shirts

If you remember, we decided at the AGM to explore the feasibility of designing new pennant shirts which do not have a majority of white and set us apart from other clubs. Now the rules are that any new design must be approved by Bowls SA and the MBA. We can wear the old and new shirts at the same time when we play pennants but (and there is always a *but.....*) a side must all be in the same shirt. This is much too hard to organise, so, if we do want to go ahead, we will need to set a date and say all players will need to buy a new shirt for the 2022 or the 2023 season for example.



What do you think?

There will be a little questionnaire on our communication bench for you to fill in and put into a box.

New Members

A h-u-g-e welcome to 6 new members....

Full members are **Pammie Rowe**, **Jayne Ingerson** and **Cathy Ross**. We welcome **Stephanie Simms** as an Associate Member and **Jim Daws** as a social member.

This is exciting to be welcoming so many new members at this time of the year.

Soup/Curry Nights

Our soup nights have been hugely successful and a big thank you must go to the soup makers, door keepers and bar manager. Our last one is on Friday August 21 and then we will finish with a curry night on Friday September 18. Thank you to all of you who have come along and enjoyed a culinary feast.



Night Owls

A small group will be meeting shortly to look at ways we can re-vitalise our night owls program as this is essential for our future. We are going to identify all the jobs that need doing and will then be inviting members to place their name against one of the jobs. The more who get involved the more we can share the load. It was decided at our Board meeting to start doing this for all our events, so we don't expect a few volunteers to be trying to do too much, eg social bowls.

Vacuum Cleaners

I know several of you could get upset because when you go to the disabled toilet to get the vacuum cleaner out of the cupboard you will see that it is not there! We needed to have the door to the toilet swing out to be compliant with Work, Health and Safety Regulations, so the cupboard has been removed. Now, if you get the urge to vacuum, the cleaners are in the cupboard outside the men's toilet. I would like to see that!



Well we are fast approaching the pointy end with trial games and pennants around the corner.

Will your COVID body fit into your uniform?

Now is the time to check.....

Regards

Leonie