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Dear Members

Your Board met on Monday night for their final meeting before our **Annual General Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday May 12 at 7pm**. We do hope the date is in your diary or you will miss out on some delicious Villi's pies and pasties and of course, elections and any important announcements.

Presentation Night

What a wonderful night 70 of us spent last Saturday celebrating our tournament champions and the runners up. The food was delicious as was the lovely, friendly atmosphere.

A h-u-g-e congratulations to **Angelo Beltrame** who was announced on the night as our 'Most Improved Player and **Mike Miller** as our 'Member of the Year'.

Well-deserved for their commitment to bowling and the Club.

New Members

Three new members this month, which really is terrific. A big welcome to **Sonia Coultas** (Full Member) and to **David Tse** and **Carol Sampson** who have both become Associate Members. It is a good sign that we are welcoming new members nearly every month.

Coaching

As you know, we have linked with Bowls SA and their *Coach Zone Project*. Twenty-one members signed up to have a lesson as an individual, in pairs or triples. We were lucky to have Cassandra Harvey come to Beaumont for two days to work with our members. Cassandra coaches the Under 18 State bowling squad, so players have been in good hands. There will be more about this later as Cassandra has indicated an interest in continuing with us.

Facilities

As you can see when you come to the club that work has started on the installation of our new watering system. Dave, John, Angelo, and Ian C have been busy preparing the grounds, ie digging deep holes. We have not heard yet whether our submission for funding to install fixed metal shades at the end of each rink has been successful, but we should hear very soon. This really will be the icing on the cake.

We have also received an *Expression of Interest* form from James Stevens MP titled 'Powering Communities Program'. This program would provide up to a maximum of \$12,000 to replace all our outside lights with LED. This would be a huge cost saving for us and be more environmentally friendly. There would be a cost to the club as well as the quote we have received to replace the lights is around \$25,000.

Your Board will be sending all members a Motion about the lights seeking approval to expend funds at a special meeting. This special meeting will be held after our AGM has closed.

Your Board had 3 priorities for outside - a new watering system (underway), fixed metal shading and new lighting. Fingers crossed we receive approval and funding for our shading and lighting.

Honour Boards

We are exploring the possibility of moving our Honour Boards from the Western wall to the Southern wall as they are hidden most of the time. The original plan was that most of our tables would be set up in the hall for pennants and that the boards would be on display. Unfortunately, COVID changed these plans so the thought is that we will have two sets of hanging rails so the boards can be on the Southern wall or the Western wall. This will give us flexibility.

Bistro

Our new caterer will be starting on Thursday May 6. His new menu will include schnitzel, fish and chips, butter chicken, stir fry, arancini balls and a beef cheeks and pasta dish. Again, nothing will be over \$20.

Your support of our Bistro has been terrific, and we must thank Janet and her team who will be finishing at the end of April. It is not easy eating out every Thursday to support our club!!!!

Bar Opening Hours

The times for the opening of our Bar during Winter has been sent to everyone but we are in the process of reviewing a few things as some members confused the Bar hours with the club being open. We will clarify this with another memo so that the Bar hours are clear.

We are also asking people to take the closing time very seriously so when last drinks are called that is what it means.....a last drink.

Your Bar Manager has a range of duties to complete after the Bar has closed and cannot attend to these if people are still wanting to order. We must look after our volunteers.....

Uniforms

Our two uniform samples have arrived, but we are going to ask for one to be altered slightly as the blue at the top looked almost navy. We will then place the shirts on display in the lounge area for people to have the opportunity to make a comment.

Great to see so many social bowlers on the greens for the start of our Winter season. It was also great to see some Night Owlers out on the greens and some bowlers from other clubs. Looking good.

See you all at the AGM.

Regards
Leonie