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Dear Members

The AGM held on Wednesday 12th May was a huge success with approximately 60 members in attendance. Congratulations to Leonie, John Binks & Ian Campbell on being awarded Life Membership of the club – truly deserved.

Taking the reins as President is a daunting task but I'm sure with the support of the Board and club members the task/s will run relatively smoothly. Congratulations to the new Board: -

- Ian Campbell – Vice President
- Richard Pledge – Vice President
- Kim Perry – Treasurer
- Derrick Witt – Secretary (Note: Pam Huntley has kindly agreed to fill in until Derrick is back on deck)
- Angelo Beltrame – Board
- Cathie Roff – Board
- Merv Leaker – Board

A huge thank you to the retiring Board members Maz Falahey, Rocco Galluccio, Barry Hanna and in particular Leonie in her role as President for the last five years ably assisted by John Binks-Williams.

You may think that Leonie deserves to ride off into the sunset & into retirement; however that is not the case. She has kindly offered to carry on with the management of our Thursday night bistro – greatly appreciated (can't keep a good woman down).

New Members

A big welcome to new members Robert Pope (from Kensington) & John Whelan (from Toorak). I am reliably informed that not only are they great bowlers but great club members as well. I look forward hopefully to your contribution both bowling & club matters in general.

New Greens Reticulation

Works on the new reticulation system are now complete with the exception of some minor tweaking & the reticulation to the garden beds on the western side of "B" & "C" greens. This will hopefully commence week beginning 31st May along with checker plate covers to sprinkler heads on "B" & "C" greens. A secure cover

to the mains backflow valve & sundry valves at the water meter location adjacent the locker room will also be installed to protect against vandalism.

The new control units have now been installed inside the paint shed.

The new system can now be controlled not only from the control units but from a mobile phone anywhere as long Wi-Fi is available.

The Rainbird “rain curtain” sprinkler heads on each green are state of the art technology and will provide a far more efficient watering system for years to come.

Many thanks to those who assisted with the excavation works, namely John Bohner, Derrick Witt, Leon Glynn, Ian & Robin Williams, Brian Purdie, Ian Campbell, Chris Nance, Merv Leaker, Ash & Cathie Roff, Alan Perry, Dick Turnbull, Brian Molloy & Howard Melbourne.

Huge thanks to Angelo, Luigi & Michael Beltrame who carried out all the concrete cutting & coring & provided the trailer for the removal of excess soil & rubbish. They have also re-concreted the main ramp plus concrete cutting adjacent “A” & “B” greens. Angelo has also arranged for the checker plate covers & secure cover to the mains backflow valve plus various sealing jobs around penetrations through the paint shed.

New Fixed Shade Structures

Angelo Beltrame has now received an installation quotation from Lysaght Living and has provided a quote including all of his additional work. He has also quoted separately for the stormwater component. This quote is substantially cheaper than that provided by Fielders and their contractor.

Lysaght have also provided shade plans for us review.

We are awaiting an answer from the Government in the next week or so to advise if our Grant application has been successful or not.

Bistro

After a few initial teething problems, our new caterers seem to have settled in. The attendance numbers are still encouraging. In fact last Thursday night we saw approximately 20 new faces (non members) amongst the 80 odd attendees. The recent leaflet drop has certainly had an effect.

Keep up the good work Leonie, John, Pru, Graeme & Janine. Members please continue to support – if each of us dines at the club at least once a month, the Bistro will flourish. Quality food at the cheapest price in town.



Signage

Visualcom have now installed the ‘Greens name’ signs on all greens and place the ‘Fulton Hall’ sign on the centre doors of the hall

After much consideration two brackets have now been placed on the Southern wall (in between the panels so not to damage them) to relocate the Honour boards from behind the folding doors to that wall

Unfortunately, when hanging them there was some slight damage to one corner of one of the boards by the contractor so they have taken them for repair.

While in their workshop they will also update the Club Championship winners and Office Bearers & Life Members boards with the 2020-21 names. We are hoping to have the boards back shortly.

Hay Street Fence

Since the last newsletter, the damaged Hay Street fence has now been replaced. Thanks to Graham McNamara (past member), Ian Campbell & yours truly. The only problem we have now is the new fence makes the old look very ordinary (replacement of the old maybe a project going forward).

Working Bees

We will be calling on volunteers shortly to assist with the removal of the mountain of lawn clippings behind the fence on the "A" Green. This will require no more than 6 volunteers. The process involves shovelling & barrowing the clippings into skips behind the soil shed (not particularly arduous work). Another working bee following that involves getting rid of surplus junk & rubbish which we have accumulated over the last few years (more on that later).

Pennant Bowls

The Board will shortly be sending out availability forms for Pennant Bowls. We need to have these completed & returned promptly so that we can advise Bowls SA the number of sides we will be fielding this year. We will also be calling nominations for Pennant Chairpersons & selectors.

Club Member Interview

A new initiative raised by Merv Leaker at our first Board Meeting was to conduct a candid interview with one of our members on a regular basis & publish the interview in the newsletter. The first of these interviews will appear in the next newsletter. Stay tuned.

Best wishes, stay upright & keep on bowling,

Dave