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Dear Members

With the AGM well behind us, the new Board is settling in completing the various tasks at hand. All our existing sponsors have been contacted regarding the new changes within the Board and I am very pleased to let you know that all have agreed to continue to support us which is great news. Given the effects of Covid over the last 12 months, we were concerned that some may have fallen by the wayside.

Those of you who have been social bowling will have seen Derrick Witt at the club of late. He has been given a clean bill of health from the specialists and has commenced rehab two days a week. He advises that he will be taking over the reins as Secretary from Pam come the next Board meeting. Great news & even better news as far as Pam is concerned – a big thankyou Pam for filling in.

New Greens Reticulation

The reticulation to the garden beds on the western side of “B” & “C” greens is now complete. Checker plate covers are now in place at the south/east corner of “B” green and at the ramp between “B” & “C” greens on the western side. The secure cover over the backflow valves adjacent the locker room has also been installed. A big thank you to Angelo once again – greatly appreciated.

The only down side to the new reticulation system is that we haven’t been able to use it since it was installed due to the lovely rains we have been having. (photos below were taken a week ago when we received some 38mm overnight).



New Fixed Shade Structures

Since the last newsletter, we were advised that our grants submission was unsuccessful. Whilst we were very disappointed with the outcome, we will be applying for the next round which is out now. Leonie & John have agreed to again put together the submission. Fingers crossed we are successful second time around. In the meantime, Ian Campbell & I have met with James Brennan (Coordinator Property & Facilities) from the Burnside Council to seek the Council's ongoing support towards the project.

Bistro

The Bistro continues to flourish with average numbers of around 70 each Thursday. Thankyou to those members who continue to support this initiative and a big thankyou to Leonie, John BW, Prue Langsford & Janine Skurray who set the premises up each week.

To those members who haven't been yet, you are missing out. Remember, once a month is not too much to ask.

Pennant Selection Matters

Availability forms for Pennant Bowls were sent out recently. It is imperative that we get these back by 3rd July latest, firstly so that we know how many sides we will be entering & secondly so that Mike Miller can get orders in for shirts etc.

The Board has reviewed our current selection policy & decided to make some changes for the coming season. An email has just gone out seeking nominations from members for both Chairs of selectors and selectors. I ask that you all give some serious consideration to nominating. Some of us who have been selectors in the past know that it is not an easy task; however it is an extremely important one & one that shouldn't be taken lightly.

This is an important year for the Club. With both the first sides on Wednesday and Saturday being promoted last year it is essential that we retain that level in 2021/22. Just as important is the need for all other sides, especially those relegated last year that their aim is to improve sufficiently to start climbing the pennant ladder again.

Working Bees

A carry over from the last newsletter - 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).

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.

I did say in the last newsletter that the first of these would be in this newsletter. I lied. I am waiting for Merv & Viv Leaker to return from holidays. Watch this space.

Pleasant Surprise

Graham from Legacy called into the club on Thursday and presented me with a framed “Certificate of Appreciation” in recognition of our continual financial support i.e. The Walk of Shame Legacy hat. He was absolutely chuffed and asked that I thank all members and that we continue to **“walk the walk”**.



Birthdays

Some milestones during the month of June

Happy Birthday to: -

- Angelo Beltrame
- Luigi Beltrame
- Vonnie Barber
- Margie Hilton
- Kim Perry
- Bob Turville
- John Wills
- Jud Thomas

Congratulations & best wishes for many more.

Apologies if I have missed someone.

Best wishes, stay upright, keep warm & keep on bowling.

Dave