

# **Beaumont Bowling Club Inc.**

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# Beaumont Bowling Club Inc Newsletter No. 90 – November 2023

# **Dear Members**

Now that our shades have been completed on "B" green, Ian Campbell and I will be meeting Shadeform representatives this week to investigate the engineering implications of installing shades on the Northern & Southern ends of "A" green and the Northern end of "C" green plus provide us with an indicative cost for both. This will enable us to plan for undertaking this work from a budgetary perspective and have the information available should a grant opportunity arise.

It will be recommended that our Strategic Plans note this as a major project for 2024/25.

#### **New Members**

No new members since the last newsletter.

# On & Around the Greens (Dennis Reid)

All three greens are still in very good condition and improving as weather conditions start to warm..

During the month "C" green was groomed one way as is looking very healthy. The three greens have been sprayed with herbicide to combat the sagina and oxalis problems and have also been sprayed with a wetting agent and growth formula.

Members may have noticed various holes appearing in the greens, particularly "C" green. These are being caused by the little fellow pictured below and a few of his mates. They dig large holes which can only be plugged to repair. If you are at the club or indeed driving past and you happen to see these fellows land on any of the greens, please shoo them away before they get a chance to dig.



Mini excavator

#### **Concertina Doors**

It seems that not many suppliers/contractors are very interested in looking at our troublesome concertina doors. Ian Campbell has had a couple of quotes but for supply only which seem ridiculously expensive. Trying then to get someone to install them is proving problematic.

Ian has contacted a representative from Southern Screen Scene (formally Lotus Folding Doors) but unfortunately the rep can't get to the club until 12th December. Watch this space.

#### **Sundry Working Bees**

The driveway on Hay Road has finally been cleaned up of soil, concrete and various pieces of rubbish that have accumulated over the last few years. Thank you Ian Campbell for arranging the contractor to come in and do the clean up.

We have now planted 7 Murrayas along the fence line which will provide a nice hedge in due course. Thank you Dennis Reid for the suggestion and for digging the holes for the planting which was carried out by yours truly.



Before



After

# **Pennant Bowls**

The first six weeks of the pennant season have proved very challenging particularly for the Selectors. The most challenging aspect has been and still is the number of unavailables each week. As a consequence we have had to forfeit no less than five games in this first six weeks. This week beginning 20th November we had 16 unavailable for Wednesday and just managed to field the 5 sides after calling on some OG players to fill in. We have 22 unavailable for the Saturday which has meant forfeiting the bottom side again. We are now in real danger of MBA pulling our 6th side on Saturday from the competition which is far from ideal.

If this does happen and players start becoming available, we will be forced to rotate players regularly which again is not ideal.

The Selectors are appealing to all players and in particular those players who have nominated to play once a week to make themselves available twice a week when possible.

Can anyone spot the irregularity in this photo?



#### **Motorised Roller Mover**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the motorised roller mover is nearly at the stage of final handover. Stewart Jones (the manufacturer) has been to club a few times over the last couple of months doing some testing and final tweaks.

We are hopeful that it will be handed over in working order by the end of this month.

In the meantime, we have bolt-fixed a triangular metal chequer-plate on the south/western corner of "C" green in readiness for a couple of light-weight aluminium ramps (on order) so that we can move our rollers with the new mover.

#### **On The Sick List**

As mentioned in a previous email, Ian Omond is currently receiving treatment for cancer and as is typical of Ian's determination, he sent me an update the other day saying "with the loving support of my family and my friends and my excellent team of medical specialists I'm going to give this Buggar a real shake. I hope to drop into the club soon."

We wish you all the very best lan.

#### **Birthdays**

A very happy birthday to all who have celebrated and all who will celebrate a birthday during the month of November

#### **Sponsor's Corner**

Watch this space in the December newsletter.

# A Joke to finish



Dave