



## Beaumont Bowling Club Inc.

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# Beaumont Bowling Club Newsletter No. 109

### Dear Members

We are now at the halfway point of the season and Christmas is upon us.

### Pennants

We are delighted with the progress of our pennant teams so far this season. We have 14 teams in total every week and currently 8 are in the top 4 including several, teams sitting in first place. We all realise that this means there are people in our club who are capable of playing at a higher level. Once again, I say please enjoy your bowls, enjoy the successes as they come, and enjoy playing at the level the selectors have placed you. Thanks.

Pennant matches resume on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Jan, Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> and Sat 10<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday players are reminded that in January there are early starts; trial ends at 10:15. We will not be providing sandwiches on these early start dates but another simpler option for the mid game break.

### Christmas closure

We will close down the bar for the Christmas period to allow our volunteers some much deserved down time. Last trade will be Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec and first trade next year on Tuesday Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. Authorised bar staff are permitted to open up if requested in the off period, but you can't rely on the bar being open for that period. There are no pennant matches on Sat 20th so it would be an ideal opportunity to complete some club championship matches.

There will be a lot of work done on our greens in the coming weeks, but there will be one green available for practices at most times.

### Christmas lunch

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a lovely afternoon. Significant effort went into planning and preparing for this day and we are very appreciative. Thanks also to the donors of raffle prizes for purchasing raffle tickets. There are photos of our Christmas lunch on our Facebook page.

### Mascot

The members have made a decision, and we are now the Stingers. This decision is final. We now invite submissions of what graphic image we could use to represent the Stingers. Please do so by the end of January.

## **Night owls**

We are delighted with the consistently good numbers at night owls and also the involvement in our club of night owls bowlers. The last game for 2025 is this week and the resumption on Tues 20 January.

## **Sponsors**

You may have noticed the small sign in the clubrooms promoting our sponsor of the week. This is to constantly remind everyone of the people who put money into our club so you can support them. Please continue to support our sponsors.

## **Solar panels and battery**

There has been an unexpected delay in the installation of our panels and battery. The project will now not commence until after the holiday period. We are hopeful the problem is easily rectified.

## **Cool room plans**

Please be assured these plans are concept plans only. The project is not guaranteed to proceed, and certainly not in the short term. However, it is a good idea to look and plan ahead.

## **Council lease arrangements**

The Burnside Council has now passed its motion on new lease charges and expectations. It is a slightly modified version of what was proposed many months ago. As a club we are not greatly concerned about the changes as whatever the lease fee we pay is, it will be set aside and protected for our use only for maintenance and upgrade of facilities.

## **Volunteers Thankyou Drinks**

We haven't forgotten our valued volunteers. The Thankyou drinks event will take place but with so many events and functions in December we couldn't fit it into the calendar. We will find a time and date to show our thanks in January/ February,

## **Apprentice greens keeper**



Pictured is our greens keeper, James teaching his daughter, the apprentice how it's done.

## **Merry Christmas**

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy some time relaxing with family. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2026.

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Tom

