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Coming up at Narre Warren Bowls Club:

Summer Corporate Challenge

*Come along and help the beginners
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Pennant Finals

*We have a good chance of taking a
flag in both Tuesday and Saturday
pennant*

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*What's better than this?
Free food and champagne.
Then cheer on your friends as they
receive their trophies*

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*Put yourself forward for election in
one of many committees.
Have your say about who runs
the club next year.*

Indoor Bowls

No wind or rain to worry about

Winter Bowls

For the hardy and the keen

President's Report



**"DON'T
FORGET
THE
AGM
IN
APRIL"**

Well, where has the time gone? It seems like only yesterday that we were busy preparing for the festivities of Christmas and New Year. I do hope all of our members had a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year; I imagine that by now, all the New Year resolutions will be long forgotten.

Firstly, I must return to our Christmas function that was held at our clubrooms on 20 December.

What an excellent night it was that our respective committees turned on for us. For Gail and her Catering Committee, it was their first event since Judy Naughton's retirement. A huge thank you for the feast provided. It was a fantastic effort.

To the Bar and Social Committees and anyone else who assisted in the function, also a huge thank you.

To the members who failed to attend, put this event in your handbook for 2015 - you missed a special evening.

As I write this, all our Club games have not yet been completed but I must congratulate our Club Singles Champions, Shirley Bell and Jeff Parker. The bowling was of an exceptionally high standard.

I have decided to stand for election for a second term as your president.

Please give consideration to standing for committee positions, especially our newer members - do not sit back and leave it all to the older established members; I am sure they will welcome a new face and fresh ideas to take our club forward.

Our pennant sides have had an excellent year; even though

a small club, three of our six sides will play finals and the other three will, hopefully, hold onto their respective divisions.

To the Board of Directors, I thank for your support and encouragement. Being President of such a hard working and strong group has been an honour and I thank you all for your loyalty.

To all the committees of our great club, I thank you for your support, even though some of the decisions made by the board were not popular with everyone, compromises were reached and we all moved on, for the harmony and best interests of our club.

The friendship, understanding, and tolerance of our members toward each other make the club special, so let us all continue to work together and protect those qualities.

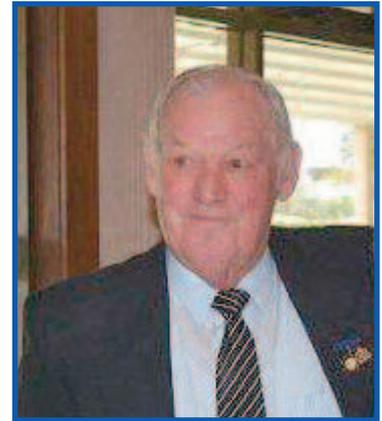
To our bowlers who are involved in finals, good luck. I am sure you will do our club proud.

Don't forget the AGM in April.

Kerry Davis

President

Secretary's Report



NO REPORT



Luke Donnellan MP
State Member for Narre Warren North

If I can be of any assistance to you or a member of your family, please don't hesitate to call me.

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Pennant by Ray Pigdon

SATURDAY ROUND 10

Div 2 away to Mordialloc, and not knowing the test that was coming, came up short by 15 shots 72/87, with rinks even two-up and two-down. But, at the end of the day, they are still holding on to second spot. **Karen Murray, Keith Mark, Rod Lane, Ian Brotherton** 11/34. **Wilma Haringsma, Paul O'Day, Wilma Stevenson, Jimmy Millar** 22/14. **Shirley Bell, Greg Cowan, Erik Luyters, Neville Bradley** 19/25. **Ernesto Vergara, Alan Dawson, Iain Stevenson, Jeff Parker** 20/14.

Div 3 had a tough assignment against top side Mulgrave at home and, with a much improved effort after the past two disappointing performances, turned the tables on the top side with a surprise win by 11 shots 78/67. With two rinks up and two narrowly defeated, the side still remains ninth and in the hot seat on the ladder. **Peter Lister, Reg Young, Andy Kidd, John Heathcote** 17/18. **Luka Klarica, Janis Dukats, Kerry Davis, Norm Hosmer** 24/12. **Carl Lapham, Ray Pigdon, Reg Johnstone, Geoff Miller** 16/18. **Michael Graham, Fred Fox, Arthur Scheurer, Stan Robinson** 21/19.

Div 7 at home to Upwey-Tecoma and, with all rinks up, had a convincing win by 47 shots 103/56. The reward for their consistency is that the side finds itself on top of the ladder, but must continue to play with the desire to hold on to that position with two games left going into the break. **Stan Firmin, Gail Bowman, Micki Horton, Peter Castricum** 21/18. **Arthur Fitt, Steve Boyd, Matthew Fitt, John Green** 37/6. **Janice Moran, Jim Sheahan, Rick Hoare, Brian Fraser** 26/14. **Jack Norman, John Zanon, Graham Dodd, Damian Brick** 19/18.

Div 8 played away at Cranbourne RSL and, with both rinks losing, went down by 11 shots 35/46. The selectors will continue to rotate players so the new bowlers can continue to gain experience. **Leo McGeary, Stan Birkett, Peter Rouse, Andy Tobler** 17/19. **Len O'Brien, Zade Bulmer, Stan Bulmer, Peter Pater** 18/27.

TUESDAY ROUND 10

Div 1 had a close game at Vermont South with only one winning rink, but was able to hang on and win overall by one shot 59/58. This was a much needed result, as they were sliding down the ladder but the win has improved the posi-

tion, moving them up one spot to seventh and the advantage of playing the last two games of the round at home. **Shirley Bell, Judy Naughton, Wilma Stevenson, Ian Brotherton** 16/20. **Wilma Haringsma, Keith Mark, Gary Gilchrist, Iain Stevenson** 25/13. **Arthur Fitt, Enid Gibb, John Green, Rod Lane** 18/25.

Div 3 playing at home had another nail biter. With two rinks having won and watching closely with only one shot difference overall, the last end played of the day had the home team holding two shots for a three-shot win 59/56. This consolidates second place on the ladder with two games to go before the Christmas break. **Len O'Brien, Janice Moran, Peter Pater, Micki Horton** 30/13. **Sep van Maanen, Pam Uren, Carl Lapham, Ray Pigdon** 21/16. **Cathy Pater, Truus Henneman, Ethel van Maanen, Andy Tobler** 8/27.

SATURDAY ROUND 11

Div 2 After its loss last week the selectors made several positional changes to the side trying to get the balance right to play Cranbourne at home. The changes helped them to a confident win by 25 shots 88/63, which keeps the side in second position with one game before the Christmas break. **Karen Murray, Geoff Miller, Iain Stevenson, Ian Brotherton** 14/17. **Wilma Haringsma, Paul O'Day, Wilma Stevenson, Jimmy Millar** 19/28/14. **Shirley Bell, Alan Dawson, Erik Luyters, Neville Bradley** 33/11. **Ernesto Vergara, Andy Kidd, Rod Lane, Jeff Parker** 22/21.

Div 3 Still languishing in ninth position despite its good win against the top side last week, it faced another tough game at Mount Waverley. With only one rink winning, the side once again was not up to the task, going down 74/95, and facing relegation unless there is a complete reversal of form and an improved attitude in the new year. **Peter Lister, Reg Young, Mathew Fitt, John Heathcote** 14/37. **Luka Klarica, Janis Dukats, Kerry Davis, Norm Hosmer** 16/24. **Carl Lapham, Keith Mark, Ray Pigdon, Reg Johnstone** 28/14. **Michael Graham, Fred Fox, Arthur Scheurer, Stan Robinson** 16/20.

Div 7 A big win last week consolidated top position on the ladder and the side has become very consistent over the past month. They went to Berwick full of confidence, but were lucky to escape with a win as only one rink succeeded. One tied, but the other two rinks went down by just one shot each and an end result of a 13-shot win 83/70. They still remain in second spot, with a big game next week against top side Pakenham, the winner of which will be top dog at the break. **Stan Firmin, Gail Bowman, Micki Horton, Peter Castricum** 19/19. **Arthur Fitt, Steve Boyd, John Zanon, John Green** 25/15. **Janice Moran, Jim Sheahan,**

Rick Hoare, Brian Fraser 18/19. **Glen Cadman, Jack Norman, Graham Dodd, Damian Brick** 21/22.

Div 8 had a walkover as Burden Park has withdrawn from the pennant competition.

Tuesday Round 11

Div 1 Hosted Hampton Park. With only one rink a winner, the side went down 55/63; another disappointing result. The side is not playing up to its capabilities this year, and the season is slipping away with them in the lower half on the ladder. A big improvement will be required after the break.

Shirley Bell, Judy Naughton, Wilma Stevenson, Iain Stevenson 26/13. **Wilma Haringsma, Keith Mark, Gary Gilchrist, Jimmy Millar** 13/31. **Arthur Fitt, Enid Gibb, Andy Kidd, Rod Lane** 16/19.

Div 3 With two rinks up had another winning day against Willow Lodge on a very slow green at Dandenong City, by 11 shots 61/50. They are continuing with their good form, and are still holding on to the second spot on the ladder, with a tough game next week at Noble Park. **Sep van Maanen, Pam Uren, Carl Lapham, Ray Pigdon** 14/17. **Cathy Pater, Janice Moran, Peter Pater, Micki Horton** 27/18. **Truus Henneman, Andy Tobler, Ethel van Maanen, John Green** 20/15.

Tuesday Round 12

Div 1 Playing Keysborough at home, the side had a comfortable win by 32 shots 68/32.

With all three rinks up, the win improved their position three spots on the ladder to fifth, taking them to within reach of a finals berth with six games to go after the Christmas break and a reasonable run home. **Shirley Bell, Ethel van Maanen, Judy Naughton, Eric Sydenham** 25/13. **Wilma Haringsma, Keith Mark, Gary Gilchrist, Jimmy Millar** 23/12. **Arthur Fitt, Enid Gibb, Andy Kidd, Rod Lane** 20/11.

Div 3 Expecting a tough game at Noble Park the side was facing a disappointing defeat. With two rinks losing badly, the hopes of the side were in the hands of the last rink. With two ends to play and the overall score tied, the team skipped by Micki Horton, playing its last end, was down at the head. Micki, under pressure, played a superb draw shot just behind the jack, winning her rink by 22 shots, making the overall score line 62/60. A great effort by the team of **Cathy Pater, Janice Moran, Peter Pater, Micki Horton** 31/9.

Another Vodka Hint: Spray vodka on wine stains, scrub with a brush, and then blot dry.

Saturday Round 13

Div 2 Playing at home against Clayton had a dismal day with two rinks up and two down for a 28-shot loss 68/86. They are still holding on to third spot on the ladder but will need to show a big improvement in the coming weeks to stay in the fight for a finals birth. **Wilma Haringsma, Geoff Miller, Iain Stevenson, Ian Brotherton** 11/35. **Paul O'Day, Keith Mark, Wilma Stevenson, Jimmy Millar** 10/29. **Shirley Bell, Alan Dawson, Erik Luyters, Neville Bradley** 26/10. **Ernesto Vergara, Andy Kidd, Rod Lane, Jeff Parker** 21/12.

Div 3 Played at Glen Waverley. They were desperate for a win to avoid sliding down the ladder, and were once again disappointing in a very close game against the bottom side. They went down by just two shots 71/73, with two rinks up and two down but, with other results in their favour, are still hanging on one spot above the relegation zone. **Peter Lister, Carl Lapham, Eric Sydenham, John Heathcote** 10/22. **Luka Klarica, Peter Castricum, Kerry Davis, Norm Hosmer** 16/26. **Arthur Fitt, Janice Moran, Ray Pigdon, Reg Johnstone** 24/13. **Michael Graham, Fred Fox, Arthur Scheurer, Greg Cowan** 21/12.

Div 7 travelled to Waverley Golf hoping to maintain the form it showed before the break. They are up and running to start the second part of the season, having a resounding win by 52 shots 100/48, with all rinks winning and are still on top of the ladder with five games to play. **Margo Worsley, Reg Young, Ethel van Maanen, Micki Horton** 27/11. **Len O'Brien, Steve Boyd, Mathew Fitt, John Green** 27/12. **Gail Bowman, Jim Sheahan, Rick Hoare, Brian Fraser** 18/11. **Glen Cadman, Janis Dukats, Graham Dodd, Damian Brick** 28/14.

Div 8 played its first game in six weeks due to walkovers and the Christmas break. They were host to Noble Park and, with a new look about them, came out winners with a rink up and one down by six shots. A good performance, with some novice bowlers in the side and performing well. **Travis Moore, Helen McCarthy, Jack Norman, Peter Pater** 26/18. **Phil Howard, Leo McGeary, Stan Birkett, Peter Rouse** 16/18.

Tuesday Round 13

No results
Both divisions were washed out

SATURDAY ROUND 14

Div 2 Away to local rivals Berwick, won after a close game by six shots with a tie, a loss and two rinks up 80/74, to keep third position on the ladder and finals hopes alive. **Karen Murray, Eric Sydenham, Wilma Stevenson, Ian Brotherton** 19/19. **Wilma Haringsma, Paul O'Day, Jimmy Millar, Iain Stevenson** 17/18. **Shirley Bell, Alan Dawson, Erik Luyters, Neville Bradley** 25/19. **Ernesto Vergara, Andy Kidd, Rod Lane, Jeff Parker** 19/18.

Div 3 Host to Berwick, with a new-look side due to players unavailable and fighting to stay above the relegation zone, after being 21 shots and all four rinks down at the break, showed determination and fighting spirit to claw its way back for a 16-shot victory, with all rinks winning. A great effort by the side. **Glen Cadman, Reg Young, Keith Mark, John Heathcote** 19/14. **Luka Klarica, Gail Bowman, Peter Castricum, Kerry Davis** 23/17. **Michael Graham, Fred Fox, Arthur Scheurer, Greg Cowan** 20/16. **Carl Lapham, Janice Moran, Ray Pigdon, Reg Johnstone** 28/27.

Div 7 In a danger game at home to Ringwood, but still sitting on top of the ladder, had its worst game for the year with two rinks up and two down, beaten 72/87. But the loss did not hurt too much, as they have kept top spot, and it may be that the loss was one they had to have. This proves they have to be on their game every week, and with players available next week, they can look forward to a stronger line up. **Margo Worsley, Jack Norman, Janis Dukats, Micki Horton** 21/20. **Len O'Brien, Steve Boyd, Mathew Fitt, John Green** 16/23. **Travis Moore, Jim Sheahan, Rick Hoare, Brian Fraser** 23/10. **Peter Lister, Stan Birkett, Graham Dodd, Damian Brick** 12/34.

Div 8 Played away at Cranbourne RSL with a changed side due to rotations, but went down by 26 shots 34/60. No team scores returned. **Phil Howard, Helen McCarthy, Stan Bulmer, Andy Tobler. Zade Bulmer, Leo McGeary, Ern Rodrigues, Peter Pater.**

TUESDAY ROUND 14

Div 1 At home was always in for a tough day against top side Mulgrave. They were not up to the challenge, winning only one rink and going down 53/67. The season has been disappointing for them after playing finals last year, but they should stay in Div 1 next season. **Keith Mark, Eric Sydenham, Judy Naughton, Ian Brotherton** 16/21. **Wilma Haringsma, Andy Kidd, Wilma Stevenson, Jimmy Millar** 11/28. **Gary Gilchrist, Enid Gibb, Rod Lane, Iain Stevenson** 26/18.

Div 3 At Clayton, with two rinks up, had a comfortable win 70/58 after leading all day. This consolidated their second place on the ladder and, with a big game next week playing for top spot against Mulgrave, a real test for the side. **Janice Moran, Truus Henneman, Ethel van Maanen, Micki Horton** 26/21. **Nancy Pugh, Pam Uren, Carl Lapham, Ray Pigdon** 14/22. **Len O'Brien, Sep van Maanen, Andy Tobler, John Green** 30/15.

SATURDAY ROUND 15

Div 2 At Home to Cranbourne RSL, after a solid performance last week and keen to hold on to its spot in the four, the side had a convincing 32-shot win with three rinks up to remain third on the ladder, and keep their finals hopes alive. **Karen Murray, Eric Sydenham, Rod Lane, Ian Brotherton** 22/19. **Wilma Haringsma, Paul O'Day, Wilma Stevenson, Iain Stevenson** 19/23. **Shirley Bell, Alan Dawson, Erik Luyters, Neville Bradley** 25/12. **Ernesto Vergara, Andy Kidd, Jimmy Millar, Jeff Parker** 31/11.

Div 3 Travelled to Noble Park and in windy conditions, on a fast green, the side was not up to the standard of the home side. With only one rink winning. they went down by 32 shots. On today's performance it will be difficult to stay out of the relegation zone without an improved effort in the three games remaining. **Glen Cadman, Reg Young, Keith Mark, John Heathcote** 19/17. **Luka Klarica, Graham Dodd, Kerry Davis, Norm Hosmer** 21/23. **Carl Lapham, Ray Pigdon, Geoff Miller, Reg Johnstone** 17/31. **Michael Graham, Fred Fox, Arthur Scheurer, Greg Cowan** 9/27.

Div 7 After a shock loss last week it needed to bounce back with a win to hold top spot. Playing at Mooroolbark, where most of the players have never played before, they came home with the chocolates with a 26-shot win 101/75. This win should regain the confidence of the side with three games to go. **Peter Lister, Janis Dukats, Ethel van Maanen, Micki Horton** 28/18. **Len O'Brien, Steve Boyd, Mat Fitt, John Green** 21/21. **Travis Moore, Jim Sheahan, Rick Hoare, Brian Fraser** 32/15. **Gail Bowman, Janice Moran, Peter Castricum, Damian Brick** 20/21.

Div 8 With five changes due to the club policy of rotations, at home against Cardinia Waters they put up a great effort to go down by five shots against a more experienced outfit. **Margo Worsley, Arthur Fitt, Stan Birkett, Andy Tobler** 19/16. **Darren Moore, Phil Howard, Jack Norman Peter Pater** 15/23.

TUESDAY ROUND 15

Div 1 A disappointing day for them, losing big time against Clayton by 37 shots, with all rinks down. After a bright start, the wheels have fallen off and they need to regroup and hope for some early season form for the last three games. **Keith Mark, Shirley Bell, Judy Naughton, Ian Brotherton** 18/22. **Wilma Haringsma, Andy Kidd, Wilma Stevenson, Eric Sydenham** 16/23. **Truus Henneman, Enid Gibb, Jimmy Millar, Iain Stevenson** 9/35.

Div 3 Played top side Mulgrave at home and, after a spirited effort was out-classed in the end by a stronger side. All three rinks lost with the result being 47/65, a 28-shot loss. After being in the top two on the ladder for most of the season, the side is hanging on to that spot by just one point to the third side. With the fourth side just one point behind, the next three games are critical in the race to the finals. **Janice Moran, Peter Pater, Ethel van Maanen, Micki Horton** 13/17. **Nancy Pugh, Pam Uren, Gary Gilchrist, Ray Pigdon** 23/32. **Len O'Brien, Sep van Maanen, Andy Tobler, John Green** 11/16.



Welcome to another coach's tip

PRACTICE, PRACTICE and MORE PRACTICE

We often hear around the club after a game that someone has had a bad day and cannot understand why. All bowlers, no matter what standard, have these days and problems.

This usually happens when your concentration levels are low or there are other distractions, and this generally means your mind is not fully on the game

You will recognise that your game is not up to your standard by:

- 1 cannot find or keep your grass line (staying wide, crossing the head)
- 2 weight (too short, too long)
- 3 feel uncomfortable or off balance when delivering the bowl
- 4 not fully involved with your teammates' efforts or encouragements
- 5 want to finish and go home to kick the dog and bite the cat

The answer to all this frustration is

GO BACK TO BASICS

- 1 approach the mat from behind, lining up your grass mark (generally on the bank) across the mat to your feet.
- 2 check that the bowl is on correct bias.
- 3 step on to the mat along the grass line as previously determined
- 4 without moving your feet or body position, turn your head to have a good hard look at the jack to visualise the weight required then return your attention to the grass mark
- 5 focus on the grass line mark and bowl to it

Going back to basics will help you relax and regain concentration to which you can then assess the adjustments needed to improve your play on the day

Arthur Scheurer - Coach

*From
the
Coach*

World Championship Pairs???



And so it came to pass on the 27th day of December, 2014 that the Narre Warren Bowls Club World Championship Pairs final took place.

The teams of **Andy Kidd** and **Paul O'Day** (AP) versus **Ian Brotherton** and **Jeff Parker** (BP) met on rink two. BP won the toss and promptly gave the mat to AP.

The sledging started in the roll up, and this was to be an epic battle, watched by an enthusiastic bunch of social bowlers who were heard to whisper "When do we get a bowl?". The game commenced for a scheduled 18 ends.

BP leapt to an 8-3 lead after a five on the fourth end, but AP persevered and, by the 12th end, scores were level. The crowd (all two of them) were on the edges of their seats as the two sides battled toe to toe. It was one shot the difference until the 16th end, where AP was able to gain a four-shot

lead with a four.

BP was up one in the 17th end, but bad luck struck when trying for another shot, and the jack was moved to AP's bowl for one shot, making the lead five shots, with six required for a win.

Andy and Paul held on for one more shot to close out the game, ending a nine-year drought in which they had reached finals only to be denied time and again.

Then there was nothing for it but to shake hands and repair to the bar, where the game was replayed over the next hour or so over a cold ale.

Congratulations to both sides for a well fought game which was competitive to the end.

Anon

Skins

On a perfect spring day, Narre Warren Bowls Club held its inaugural Skins tournament and, with a turnout of 22 teams, a great day's bowling was the result. Clubs from as far Karingal and Glen Eira McKinnon were represented as well as most of the local clubs.

A sausage sizzle lunch and some cold refreshments

were enjoyed by all, the competition was fierce and the games were played in great spirit with good prize money on offer. The club is most grateful for the kind sponsorship of The Bendigo Bank; without good sponsors these events could not survive. The winners of the day from Hampton Park were **John Noonan**, **Shannon Michaleff**

and **Shane Collins** and the runners up were **Wilma Stevenson**, **Reg Johnstone** and **Iain Stevenson** from Narre Warren. I am happy to report ALL teams won some Skins, so nobody went home empty handed.

The club ran another tournament on Saturday 11 January, which also was a success.

Selection



With only four rounds to go, Saturday Division 2 (third) and Division 7 (first) look like making the finals, although both have had unexpected losses over the past couple of weeks.

Division 3 (eighth) is still fighting hard against relegation, and Division 8 is being competitive every week.

Tuesday pennant Division 1 looks like ending up mid-field, which is a great effort from such a small club. Division 3 (second) will be in the finals.

A big thanks to Ray for the mammoth task he does every week with the players' ticks and statistics, which makes it much easier for selection, plus all his extra newspaper duties.

I can't stress how important it is for skips to mark the skip cards each week, **PLUS HAND THEM IN**, as the ticks will be used as a strong guide for finals selection.

Norm Hosmer
Chairman of Selectors

CHAMPION OF CHAMPION EVENTS BY SANDRA LAPHAM

Over the past couple of weeks our current club singles champions have contested the Division Champion of Champions event.

Our men's champ Geoff Parker turned out last Sunday in drizzly rain at Narre Warren, but unfortunately met a man on a mission in Pakenham's champ and lost in the first round, with his opponent going on to win his next round and advance to the Division final.

Our ladies' champ Shirley Bell also had to endure a series of showers in her semi-final game at Cranbourne RSL and, after a very-hard-fought game, triumphed over her opponent by two shots to advance to the final which was played also at RSL, and, after a very close game initially, her opponent Sue Howard from Pakenham gained control of the mat and shortened the end to her preferred length and drew away to record the win.

Both our players were a credit to our club and are to be congratulated for their efforts. It was pleasing to see some members there to support them, but I would like to think that next year, given the proximity to home territory, we will see both more entries and many more spectators. Let's give Hampton Park a run for their money as they always turn out in good numbers to support their players.

As this goes to print, we still have the men's triples final to be played with Geoff Parker, Paul O'Day and skipped by Andy Kidd, who advanced to the final after a very exciting game at Cranbourne. Narre advanced to the final end with a one-shot advantage, and as the skips prepared to bowl, their opponents were trailing by one shot. Their skip drew the shot with his first bowl and Andy countered by drawing shot with his first. Again, the opposition skip drew with his second shot, leaving a very small space for Andy but, not to be outdone, he once more drew the shot to advance the team to the final with a two-shot advantage. Please watch the notice board for the time and venue for the final and let's get behind our players.

Elvis is Alive and Well in Parkes - all 30 or so of him

According to Andy Kidd, anyway

Thursday 8th January 2015, would have been Elvis's 80th birthday if he were still alive and kicking (some say he still is). The mighty Kidd caravan rolled out of Narre Warren and onwards to Parkes NSW to celebrate this event at the yearly festival which honours the King of rock'n'roll.

Eight-hundred kilometres under the wheels via Goulburn River Caravan Park (nice) then forward to West Wyalong (walk to pub; \$10 steaks), we finally arrived at Forbes Lachlan River Park by a thumbnail dipped in tar "He's gone a droving on the Lachlan and we don't know where he are." (AB (Banjo Patterson)).

A 20-minute drive to Parkes and ETAs (Elvis Tribute Artists) were in full swing; everybody there for the same purpose and intent on enjoying the weekend. Late nights followed by early mornings made the going tough, but the tough got going. Saturday was the parade along the main street where bearded Elvis, Fat Elvis, Skinny Elvis, Messy Elvis amongst others displayed their interpretation of Roustabout which was the theme for the weekend.

The two bowls clubs were not missing out, providing Elvis barefoot bowls, bingo and shows which were squeezed in among all the other events, a highlight of which was the Sunday morning church service held in the supermarket car park with songs such as *Rock Me Lord* and *How Great Thou Art* echoing off the walls. Even the non-religious among us could not help but be impressed.

2013 World ETA winner from the USA, Justin Shandor, was our gospel entertainer and Sunday matinee and, after a great show, we then went to the ETA wind down at the Services Club where all the entertainers had a beer and sang a few songs. Midnight and back to Forbes, ready to head home after four fun-filled days.

Our return was through a little town called Urana (caravan park on the lake \$18.00 per night and 48degC in the summer) and North Wangaratta pub where Ned Kelly was said to have hidden in the basement. Good meal and free tour were the final highlight before our return to lovely Narre Warren.





Left:
I think this one is Fat Elvis,
but I had to have a second look, just in
case Elvis had discovered the
fountain of youth and stayed
a youthful 43.

Below:
Elvis, Elvis and Elvis.
Funny, though, the one in the middle
looks slightly familiar.



Below:
For a change of pace, 'Elvis'
with a couple of the showgirls,



Garden Gnome Gossip

FROM OUR GARDENING GURU, **Sandra LAPHAM**



Summer fun

There is an old line from a poem which goes something like "Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the mid-day sun."

The same could apply to keen gardeners who take advantage of the slightly cooler weather we have at the moment

and attack the burnt foliage in their gardens and thus expose the unburnt plants to the inevitable 40c+ blast we will surely have before autumn arrives. Do yourselves and your plants a favour and restrict your gardening activities to deadheading your roses, watering your pots and turning the sprinklers on and off (between watching either the cricket or the tennis, whichever takes your fancy). There is really nothing you can usefully do while

there is a chance of further extreme temperatures, but if you just can't help yourself take the opportunity to sharpen all your snippers and garden shears in preparation for the pruning and trimming waiting around the corner for autumn weather to arrive.

Pots which have had annual plants can now be cleaned out, or if they are still looking like they may last a few more weeks, deadhead them, give them a bit of food and keep them watered. Then, as soon as the cooler weather begins, replant them and they will reward you with a splash of colour in an otherwise winter garden. Tree ferns which, like mine, have been sunburnt, should just be watered and the burnt fronds left to protect the new ones ready to poke their heads out. Lawns should be mowed on a higher setting so the roots are not exposed to the heat, and should be watered in the cool of the evening. Enjoy the cricket in the meantime and next time I will tackle the easy way to prune roses.

Sandra



Welcome back, Billy

A warm welcome back to uniform to Billy Brewster. After a horrible few months, he's looking better, smiling his beguiling smile, and being as cheeky as ever. And, on Saturday, he proudly wore his 'whites' again. Can't wait to see you back on the green, Billy.



Luke Donnellan MP

State Member for Narre Warren North

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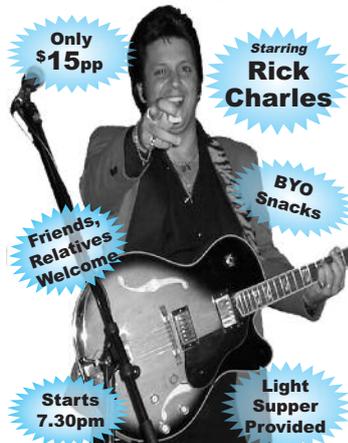


John and Pam Uren are delighted to introduce their first great-grandson, **Jayden Mathew**, born to grandson **Michael Couchman** and fiancée **Kerri Hobson** on 12 December 2014. Jayden weighed in at an impressive 8lb 15oz.



Don't Forget

Cabaret FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2015
Narre Warren Bowls Club, Magid Dr, Narre Warren
(opposite Fountain Gate Shopping Centre)



the Cabaret

The Christmas Party



We held our Christmas party on the final pennant day for the year. There was a great turnout of both pennant players and social bowlers and their significant others, and the superb food was ably managed by our new catering team, led by Gail Bowman. Santa was Peter Bowman (and I believe he enjoyed it a little too much).

Above: Andy Kidd, Jeff Parker and Alan Dawson.
Right: Darren Moore, Ralph Devonshire and Neville Bell



Left: Denise Cole, Kery Cadman and Trish Moore



Below: Henny and Pater Castricum

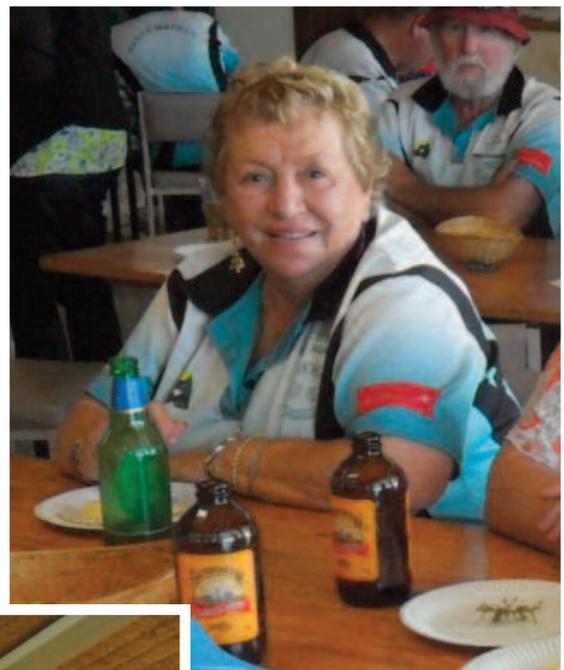
Below: President Kerry and Lyn Davis



Right:
Geoff Miller, Peter Rouse
and Norm Hosmer



Below:
Fred Fox and
Michael Graham



Above:
Ethel van Maanen

Left:
Eric Sydenham and
Shirley Bell





Above: Erich Luyters,
Jill Berger, Sandra Lapham,
Carl Lapham
and Ray Pigdon

Right: John Green and
Len O'Brien

Below Left: Luka Klarica and
Travis Moore

Below Right:
Our entertainer, Daryl





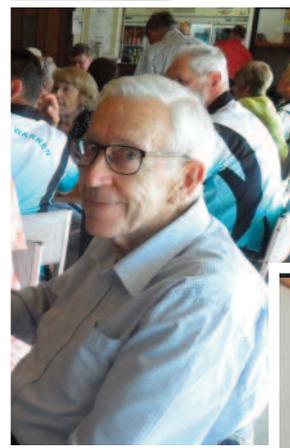
Above left:
 Sep van Maanen

Above right:
 Margaret and Arthur Scheurer

Left: Gail Bowman
 Janice Moran, Helen McCarthy,
 Jill Berger, Sandra Lapham,
 posing with some of their
 delicious fare..

Bottom left: Jim Sheahan.
 Bottom right: 'Santa'





Far left:
Helen McCarthy,
Janice Moran
Left:
Kevin McCarthy
Below:
Damian Brick



Below: Enid Gibb, Derrick Noble, Mary Payne, Rose Rasmussen



Below:
Graham Dodd, Josie
and Yanis Dukats,
Margo Worsley





Left: Val Firmin
Above:
Jimmy Millar,
Eddie Gibb,
Henk and Truus
Henneman



Right: Jan and John Heathcote, Keith Mark

Below left:
Daniel and Celine Brewster,
with sister Jess O'Day

Below right:
Barman extraordinaire, Ian Brotherton

