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## MEET THE NEW BOARD



Treasurer  
*Geoff Miller*

President  
*Reg Johnstone*



Secretary  
*Peter Bowman*



Above  
*John Heathcote*



Above  
*Damian Brick*



Right  
*Peter Rouse*



Left  
*Sandra Lapham*

# (Immediate Past) President's Annual Report



## 2014/15



his has been an amazing year. When I accepted the President's position, it was with some consternation

given the calibre of those people who had been president before me. However, knowing the quality of the board members and leaders of other committees around the club, I decided to give it a go.

My confidence in those people proved well founded, and my experience as President of the Narre Warren Bowls Club has been positive and enjoyable.

When I arrive at our club with the entrance, trims and shelter sheds painted in our club colours, it looks professional and welcoming.

I am proud of what the club has achieved during my time as your President.

I wish to thank the Executive and each member of the Board for their commitment of time and the roles they played by making sound, and at times strong, decisions for the benefit of the club.

So many members have contributed to the smooth running of the club, but I cannot let it pass without mentioning the tremendous efforts of **Peter Rouse** as our Sponsorship representative. Peter, you were amazing; you changed the look and attitude of the club by your efforts.

Our bowlers had fantastic achievements in the Casey Bowls Division; out of our six pennant sides, three played finals and our Division Seven side was promoted to Division Six.

I shall leave the in-depth results to the relevant committees.

One of the disappointments of the year was the

failure to have our alfresco area completed; at our opening day for season 2014/15, it was announced by Council that approval and funding were now granted. After many meetings and discussions, as you are aware, this project has started, but is yet to be completed.

I, with Secretary **Reg**, initiated and had discussions with **Luke Donnellan**, MP (State Member for Narre Warren North) regarding funding for the upgrade of our ladies' and gents' toilets. This will be a long project before completion, but I am sure the incoming Board will continue to monitor the progress to a satisfactory conclusion.

The Board has appointed **Mark Walker** as our green keeper; with Mark's expertise, we now have B green in top condition for bowling. In my time at our club, it is the first time we have had two top greens to bowl on; now it not only looks like a bowling club, it is a bowling club.

It is always dangerous to single anyone out; to ensure I do not omit anyone, I shall make a captain's choice and thank everyone who assisted in the running of the club. You have all contributed your time generously for the benefit of our club.

One of the main reasons I decided to not stand for re-election as your president next year is that my wife **Lyn** is now president of our Probus Club. As she has given me terrific support in my term of office (at times a good sounding board) I believe the support is reciprocal, for I know that Lyn is going to be heavily involved in the running of the Probus Club.

To the new Board and Committees, I take this opportunity to wish you a successful season in 2015/16 and I encourage you, the members, to give them your full support and encouragement they deserve.

Thank you

**Kerry Davis**  
*President*

# (Immediate Past) Secretary's Annual Report

The Board of Management held 10 meetings in the 2014/15 year and attendance by members was:

President Kerry Davis .....	10	<b>Board Members</b>	
Secretary Reg Johnstone .....	10	Peter Rouse .....	9
Treasurer Geoff Miller .....	10	Sandra Lapham .....	7
		Micki Horton.....	9
		John Heathcote.....	9



The Year 2014/15 has now come to a close and, as your Club Secretary for the past 24 months, I would like to express my thoughts and appreciation to the Board, committees and club members for their total support over this period

**President Kerry** and the **Board:** I feel in many ways we worked extremely well as a team, although at times we did not always agree on everything we discussed or put forward, but that is how it should be when, as a Board, we have to make decisions. And as those decisions were in the best interest of our club and the members, in this I feel that most of the time we got it right.

President Kerry came into the chair with an agenda of improving the appearance of our club with the painting of all the outside sheds, fixtures etc in our club colours and, to the amazement of all, it was a great success and has been commented on by visitors and guest VIPs many times. Well done, Kerry, and we are sorry that you have decided not to run again.

**Geoff Miller, Club Treasurer.** Hardest man to get a dollar out of, but his only interest is our club and to make sure that the financial side meets expectations so we do not have to increase our fee structure above a figure that we would lose members. I must remark on the coordination of the solar last year by Geoff and the effect that it has had on our bill over the past eight months. Even with paying it off, the bill has halved. A great job.

A few personal thank yous. I know there should be many more, so please do not be offended because I could use the total Membership List.

**Club Communication Officer, Carl Lapham:** A great backup and source of IT knowledge.

**Micki Horton** and **Ray Pigdon.** Thank you for your work on the diary (get ready for next year).

## **Bar Committee:**

Yes, we had our problems and **Ian**

**Brotherton** is not easy to replace as he did an excellent job over the past years. But, in time of need, the response from the people on the committee was outstanding. My thanks to **Bill Brewster, Shirley Bell, Geoff Miller, Judy Naughton, Ray Pigdon** and **Micki Horton**, who all put their hands up to ensure all functions' and members' needs were looked after; and to the new members who went to the RSA course, **Iain** and **Wilma Stevenson, Eric Sydenham** and **Erik Luyters.** All looks good for the coming year.

**Greens and Surrounds:** **Mark Walker** has B Green up and running and it will be excellent next season. Also, the club has included in Mark's contract the surrounds and hedges, and these will be trimmed three times per year. To **Ian, Andy, Paul** and **John**, you have done a great job in the past (time to have a rest).

**Sponsorship Committee:** **Peter, Andy, John** and **Paul** never stopped trying to bring more sponsorships to the club all year and were very successful in doing so as shown by the major events involving our sponsors. They were all very successful and could not have been so without their efforts; we will need this effort and more in the coming year.

**The Catering Committee:** From Opening Day on, and when called into action thereafter, never failed to produce many excellent spreads so to **Judy, Gail, Janice, Helen, Jill, Margaret, Sandra, Ruth, Pam**, and all the other women of our club - and several visitors - who all put their hand up many times to help on many occasions, we thank you.

**Membership:** Unfortunately the club lost several members, namely **Graeme Manifold, Brad Potter, Leon Brown, John Hickman, Brenda** and **Stewart Proc-**

## Secretary's Report *(continued)*

tor to other clubs; and **Jack Scanlon, Neville Bell, Ken Harrison, Alistair White** have all retired. But on the better side, we have gained the following new members: **Iain and Wilma Stevenson, Arthur Scheurer, Alan Dawson, Peter Lister, Steven Boyd, Bob Brokenshire, Stan and Zade Bulmer, Jack Casticum, Colin, Marion, Mark and Peter Groom, Philip Howard, Ian and Keryn McCluskey**, and our youngest member ever, **Callum Osbourne**. Also there are five new applications on the board for membership and rumours of others.

Current Numbers are: Full Members - 113. Life - 3. Junior - 2. Social - 14

*House:* The committee of **Glen Cadman, Graham Dodd, Luka Klarica, Len O'Brien and John Uren**.

These are the people who have kept our club rooms etc looking great.

And to all the Members who helped with the various functions conducted, with hall hiring, Casey Disability, barefoot bowls groups and corporate challenge bowls nights (catering girls, BBQ chefs and bowls coaches or just plain helpers, so many I could just about use the membership list and I would hate to miss anyone) my sincere thank you.

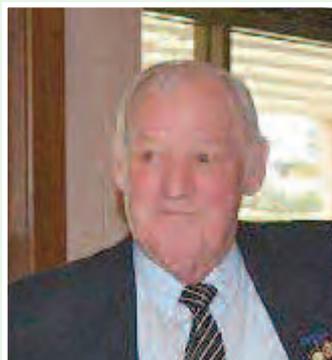
But, look forward to the coming year as we are going to try to make all of the above even bigger and better and, with the same support as this year, I am sure this will happen

In closing, again I thank you all for the support that you have given me over the past two years and look forward to the coming year

**Reg Johnstone**

*Secretary*

## THE BOARD 2015/2016



← **President: Reg Johnston**, on his second stint with Narre Warren, joined in 2013 from Noble Park.



→ **Treasurer: Geoff Miller** started at Frankston RSL, and has been with us since 2002. He is also a past president.



← **Secretary: Peter Bowman** joined us in 2013 from Pakenham.



→ **Board Member: Damian Brick** signed up in 2013 from Keysborough.



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**Board Member: Peter Rouse** left Carlisle, WA, to come here in 2009. He is also a past president.



← **Board Member: Sandra Lapham** came to us in 2009 from Ferntree Gully.



→ **Board Member: John Heathcote**, also on his second stint, rejoined from Noble Park in 2012.

# Treasurer's Annual Financial Report

1/4/2014-31/3/2015

**I** am pleased to announce that the club has had a very successful year, and financially has ended up with a trading surplus of \$25,358.65. Not bad, considering we had a deficit the previous year.

With all the functions held by various people, our hall hire and ancillary sales (bar sales, green fees etc), have helped to create a good cash flow, thereby allowing purchases to be made without having to access our banking account to a certain degree. The hall-hire role was ably conducted by our Secretary Reg Johnstone and assisted by various people too numerous to mention. They know who they are and

please give yourselves a deserved pat on the back.

With sponsorship, Peter Rouse has excelled in making sales and increasing revenue; however, the figures do not give a true indication of what he has done. Some of the expense for signage etc has been debited against the revenue.

Our solar panels are starting to defray the cost of electricity to a level that is manageable, and will show their true worth once paid for.

The Bunnings sausage sizzle was down again this year; however, it is a worthwhile exercise as we did make a profit of more than \$1000.00. The site allocated to us



was farther away from the door; therefore traffic did pass us by. Many thanks to all who turned up to assist. Again, some people did double shifts to ensure the job got done.

In closing, I would like to wish every member a successful 2015/2016 season.

**Geoffrey Miller**

*Treasurer*

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## Selection Annual Report



**T**he Selection Committee worked extremely well as a team over the course of the pennant season and, as such, the club was rewarded with some excellent results for 2014/15.

Division 2 – After a great season, they finished fourth on the ladder and, in the first final, had to play the top side, Mulgrave Country

Club. After a hard-fought game, we were successful, then the following day we played our arch-rivals, Hampton Park, for the section flag and who would go up to Division One; but they just fell short at the end. A really great end to the season.

Division 3 – Had a very mixed year, with some narrow losses, and it came down to the last game of the season to avoid relegation to Division 4. But, this was not to be, so we will fight back next year.

Division 7 – An excellent season and, after several seasons of disappointment, finally made it to the finals, and were unlucky not to win the section. But, by playing off for

the final, they lifted the side to Division 6.

Division 8 – A really big thank you to all the players we rotated all year so we could ensure all got a game. I know this was hard, but some weeks were down to the bare numbers and, thanks to you, we never had to forfeit a game.

A very big thank you to Ray Pigdon for the many hours he spent in producing the excellent reports and statistics each week. And, to my fellow selectors, thank you again for your support over the season.

**Norm Hosmer**

*Chairman of Selectors*

# Committees

## CLUB COMMUNICATION OFFICER

Carl Lapham

## PRESS OFFICER

Ray Pigdon

## SELECTION

Erik Luyters; Eric Sydenham;  
John Heathcote; Norm Hosmer;  
Carl Lapham.

## BAR

Shirley Bell; Bill Brewster;  
Micki Horton; Reg Johnstone;  
Erik Luyters; Geoff Miller; Judy  
Naughton; Ray Pigdon; Iain Stevenson;  
Wilma Stevenson; Eric Sydenham.

## BOWLS

Peter Bowman; Damian Brick;  
Janis Dukats; Arthur Scheurer.

## CATERING

Gail Bowman; Helen McCarthy;

Janice Moran; Pam Uren.

## GREENS AND SURROUNDS

Graham Dodd; John Heathcote;  
Andy Tobler.

## HALL AND FUNCTIONS

Peter Bowman; Reg Johnstone;  
Sandra Lapham.

## HOUSE

Glen Cadman; Len O'Brien; John Uren.

## SOCIAL AND FUND RAISING

No candidates

## SPONSORSHIP

No candidates

## ALMONER

Enid Gibb

## PROVIDOR

Gail Bowman



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# Trophy Presentation

*Shirley Bell: Ladies' Club Champion;  
Ladies' 100-up Winner; Stan Tolley  
Winner with Jeff Parker*



*Margo Worsley: Ruby Jenner  
Runner Up with Jill Berger*



*Micki Horton: Ladies' 100-up  
Runner Up; President's Handicap  
Runner Up*



*Enid Gibb and Nancy Pugh:  
Ladies' Pairs Runners Up*

# Trophy Presentation

*Travis Moore:  
Minor Champion Runner Up*



*Shirley Bell and Judy Naughton:  
Ladies' Pairs Winners*

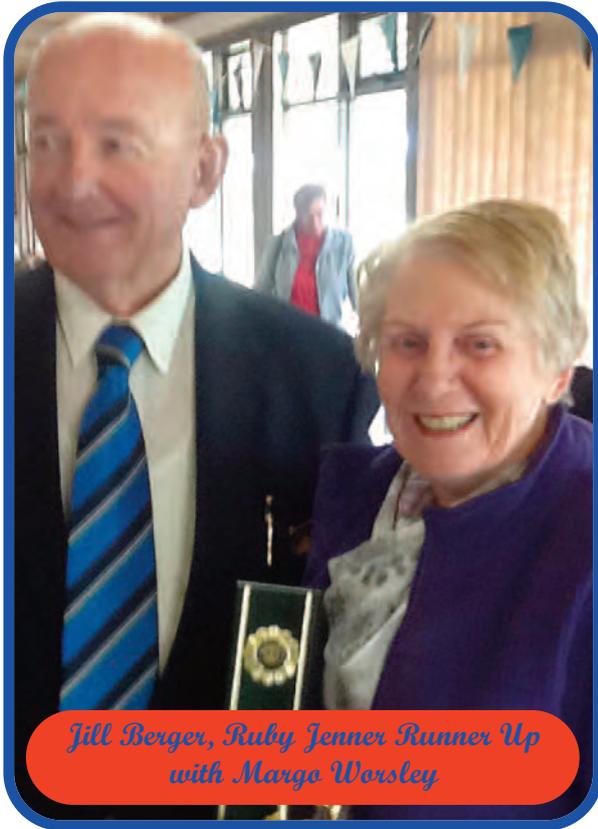


*Andy Kidd: Men's Pairs Champions  
with Paul O'Day*

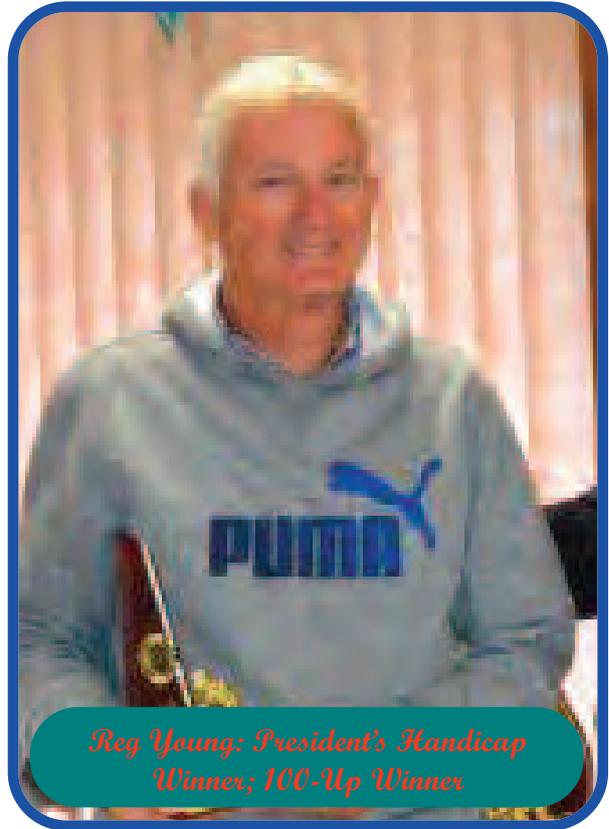
*Wilma Havingsma:  
Ladies' Singles Runner Up*



# Trophy Presentation



*Jill Berger, Ruby Jenner Runner Up  
with Margo Worsley*



*Reg Young: President's Handicap  
Winner; 100-Up Winner*



*Judy Naughton and Margaret  
Hyam: Ruby Jenner Winners*



*Peter Lister: Men's 100-Up Winner*

# Trophy Presentation



*Geoff Miller: Men's Champion Runner Up*



*Janice Moran: Stan Tolley  
Runner Up with John Green*

## WINNERS NOT PICTURED

*John Green: Stan Tolley Runner Up with Janice Moran*

*Jeff Parker: Stan Tolley Winner with Shirley Bell*

*Graham Dodd: Minor Champion*

*Jan Brotherton: Men's Pairs Runner Up with Jeff Parker*

*Paul O'Day: Men's Pairs Champions with Andy Kidd*



## Congratulations!

*On Saturday 18 April, Jeff Parker, Andy Kidd and Paul O'Day played in Bendigo East as one of the last 16 teams in the Victorian Triples Championships. They were, unfortunately, beaten by five shots, but we are so proud of them for getting that far.*

# WELCOME TO THE END-OF-SEASON COACH'S TIPS

Welcome to April and Winter Bowls

During these months we should all be looking to our future in bowling, whether it be social, pennant or tournaments. To achieve your particular goal, we harp back to my pet phrase PRACTICE, PRACTICE and more PRACTICE

To help you focus on your goals for the next session, find yourself a practice partner and arrange to meet several times a week and keep a record against each other's performance with your goals. As each goal is reached by constantly reaching 80 per cent of each task, send your results in a sealed envelope to the selection committee for achievement reached, to be opened at the start of next session

To help you achieve your goals you may wish to research a few bowler's aid products that can help particularly get you close to the jack, or take out an opposition bowl. A quick look on the internet will find you the new bowler's spectacles which can pick your bowling line and give an audible report to the wearer as to the accuracy of the line. Likewise, there is a new type of rubbing or polishing sleeve; when used on jacks before each game, it has been tested on synthetic greens and found to increase resting touchers by up to 35 per cent.

Looking at reports from the professionals, the most advanced product they all seem to be using is a product called WEIGHT POLISH. This is available in three different grades for: 1) singles players. 2) mixed players. 3) pennant players.

It appears this product will be difficult to find due to the unprecedented demand that is expected from all bowlers this winter; however, you may be lucky to find it at: APRILFOOL PTY LTD, phone 0104 2015

REMEMBER, PRACTISE, PRACTISE, AND TRY THE ABOVE PRODUCTS TO IMPROVE YOUR GAME.



*From  
the  
Coach*

bowls victoria

# WOMEN'S REGION SIDES CHAMPIONSHIP



I had the privilege of playing in the Peninsula Casey Bowls Region Triples at Swan Hill earlier this month.

The process started with nominations from which 32 ladies were selected. There was a trial day scheduled for Mt Martha in January but at the last moment we were directed to Dromana as Mt Martha's green was affected by the heavy rains from the night before. It was extremely windy and the green was carpet - very tricky! From that trial, 16 ladies were selected and played at Cranbourne the following week where the selectors had a tough job in reducing the group to 13 - three teams of four, plus an emergency.

We had a couple of practice games before travelling to Swan Hill to compete alongside 15 other regions, making 192 players in total.

It was an early start on Wednesday morning with all players and officials gathering in their teams for the official welcome at 8.15am. It was a colourful sight with all players marching on in their uniforms. After the speeches it was down to business.

We were in the same section as Wimmera, Central

Victoria and Ovens and Murray. Swan Hill - Murray Downs has three greens, all of which are grass and running beautifully. We knew it wasn't going to be easy regardless of which teams we were matched against. We all played three games of 15 ends - one on each green. Peninsula Casey started off well with two rinks up and one down in the first game, losing by only two shots. We stopped for lunch and then back out to play our next two games. As is often the case when you stop for a break you lose the momentum, and our second game saw us winning one rink and losing two, this time by eight shots. Our third game saw all three rinks going down.

The finals were played on Thursday with Yarra Region being runner-up to Northern Gateway, which have now won it for the past three years. We can only marvel at some of the brilliant bowls that were played in the final.

Despite not being in the winning side, it was still a very enjoyable experience and I hope other Narre Warren ladies are nominated and are able to participate next year.

*Wilma Stevenson*

# A Family Affair



*Narre Warren Bowls Club must have the most related club in bowls. Pictured above are Jack Castricum, John van der Zwet, Cathy Pater, Pater Castricum, Truus Henneman and Peter Pater, all related, and we have more members from the same extended family.*

*I wonder if any other club can beat it.*

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## What a Great Granny!



Rose Rasmussen is delighted to introduce her first great-grandson, **Byron Mark**, born to granddaughter **Chantelle** and partner **Peter** on 5 July 2014. Rose is pictured with young Byron at eight months.

# Country Fire Authority



On 31 March we hosted 28 CFA members for some barefoot bowling. We have had some lovely people at our private functions, but these were just about the finest.

They thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and went out of their way to show their gratitude for our volunteers on the night, who were: **Pam and John Uren, Janis Dukats, Philip Howard, Graham Dodd, Ray Pigdon and Micki Horton.**



## Smile! Say (Swiss) Cheese

*Andy Tobler sent us this photo from his mother's birthday. In his words, "the blokes from left to right are: the Mayor of the village; Premier of the canton (state) of Solothurn, Standesweibel (ceremonial assistant to the government); my mother; Secretary of State.*

*Quite a turn up for a birthday....but they knew that Mother was obliged to offer them a bottle of plonk and a feed!*

*Cheers"*