

# KITTY WHISPERS

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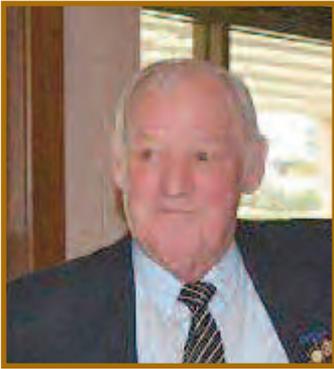
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*On Opening Day, Councillor Sam Aziz formally handed over our council-sponsored barbecue area.*

*A long-time friend of NWBC, Sam is pictured with President Reg Johnstone,  
Judith Graley, State MP for Narre Warren South  
and Cr Louise Berkalmans, City of Casey Deputy Mayor.*



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**O**n what has transpired in our club over the past five months I believe we are in for a great season of bowling and fellowship, and I wish all members – old and new - the best for season 2015/16.

We started with the Presentation Breakfast followed by the AGM, and both were very well attended by the members. My thanks to outgoing **President Kerry** who, I believe, had a successful year but, due to family commitments, elected not to continue in the chair - well done, Kerry.

The Board was kept stable, with only two changes: **Peter Bowman** replacing me as Secretary, and **Damian Brick** replacing **Micki Horton**, who joined the elite in retirement at Cardinia Waters, but still remains a playing member of Narre, and we hope for some time to come.

## OPENING DAY

Again, you the members made this a great success, and I thank you all for the comments that were passed on. Also, our thanks to **Daryl Hayward** for the entertainment.

Our official guests on the day were **Luke Donnellan MP**, Minister for Roads and Safety, **Judith Graley MP**, Member for Narre Warren South, and City of Casey Springfield Ward councillors **Louise Berkelmans**, Deputy Mayor, and **Cr Sam Aziz**, who handed over the Centenary Verandah, now covering our barbecue area; over the next several months this will be put to great use.

**Anthony Byrne** was, unfortunately, an apology.

A special thank you to the kitchen staff of **Gail**, the ladies and **Kevin** for a wonderful effort on the day. Well done.

All of our official guests expressed their continuing support for the Narre Warren Bowls Club, and

this has been great over the past (Council will look at new disabled toilets; Luke continues to print *Kitty Whispers*; Judith copies nearly all of our major mail outs and the Annual Report, and Anthony has just supplied us with 3000 score cards. Our many thanks to all.

## SELECTION COMMITTEE

The 2015/16 bowling season is now in full swing, and the committee has come up with some great innovations. The Thursday night practice with a free sausage sizzle, followed by the new Lucky Member's draw, sponsored by our green-keeper Mark Walker has started with great success - but you have to be here to win it. With the illness of **Norm Hosmer** and **John Heathcote**, **Enid Gibb** is filling in as a temporary selector and we wish both Norm and John a speedy recovery. Well done, gang

## BOWLS COMMITTEE

Led by Arthur Scheurer, introduced several new concepts to our winter bowling programme, including jackpots for both Wednesday and Saturday. This committee has also put together a great programme for the summer season, with some major events and the jackpot continuing on a Wednesday

## ARTHUR SCHEURER THE CLUB COACH

I cannot speak highly enough of the time and effort this man puts into our club, and the benefits that we gain from his efforts, be it his Sundays or week nights, coaching new or old bowlers. Our many thanks **Arthur**; keep up the good work.

## MEMBERSHIP

Unfortunately the club has lost several members either to retirement, elected to change to social

membership or moved to other clubs for various reasons: **Andy Kidd, Karen Murray, Jess and Paul O'Day, Jeff Parker, Ray Pigdon. Jim Sheahan** has gone to social membership. We thank them for their previous contribution to the Narre Warren Bowls Club. But, on the other side, we have gained the following members, and I hope that their time with us is a long and happy one. So, welcome to: **Ken Bane, Bob Broken-shire, Bob Brown, Sharon Bull, Dale Collins, Alaine Dawson, Brent Grigg, Robert Gye, Alan Mark, John Martin, Joe Selfridge, David Shearer;** plus **Jan Heathcote** as a social member, with possible others to come.

## House Committee

It is with regret that I have to inform you the members that, as from October 2015, we have to employ outside contractors to do the club house-keeping at a cost of \$142.00 per week and this

will impact greatly on your fees next year. We have been blessed in the past to have had many willing workers to do these jobs but, over the past two years, this number has dwindled to just two, namely **John Uren** and **Len O'Brien**, with help from **Margaret Hyam**. In a letter from John and Len, they have expressed that the work load cannot be handled by two people over the summer months, so the Board has decided that, after many weeks of trying to get more help for the boys, we were left with no other option but to contract the house cleaning - more later.

To John, Len and Margaret, the club in is in you debt for the wonderful effort you have made over the past two years, with so little help. Thank you again.

There is still much to do over the next few months, and we will keep you all in formed; so, have a great time bowling in 2015/16.

**Reg Johnstone, President**



## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the first Kitty Whispers for the 2015/2016 season. For the new bowlers reading the publication for the first time, a special welcome to you, and I hope you enjoy being a member of NWBC.

*Kitty Whispers* is for all members of the club, so the more who contribute, the more interesting it will be.

We are always happy to accept stories and pix of your travels, your experiences, and the milestones in your life. Please buttonhole me if you have something you wish published, some ideas that might be beneficial or questions regarding anything to do with the newsletter.

Our sincere condolences go to member **Janice Moran** on the passing of her husband, **Rod**.

**Micki Horton - Editor**

## A request from the Selectors

*If you have a request/complaint/  
suggestion for the selectors,  
please do the correct thing and  
make an appointment to see  
them at selection on a  
Tuesday afternoon.*

*Some people have been ringing  
individual selectors at home with  
their problems. This is not only  
intrusive, it is ineffective, as no  
selector makes a decision on  
his/her own -  
they make it as  
a committee.*

# Indoors 2015

INDOOR BOWLS HAD AN EXCELLENT SEASON THIS YEAR, WITH GOOD TURNOUTS EACH TUESDAY, AND THREE TEAMS IN THE PENNANT, MAKING SURE EVERYONE WHO WANTED TO PLAY GOT AT LEAST A COUPLE OF GAMES.

## DIVISION 1

Something went wrong in the allocation of teams this season, as Division 1 lost last year and should have been dropped to Division 2, and this showed in their performances against better qualified teams.

But, they had a draw in the first game, slotting them neatly into fifth position, and by round 3 they were up to fourth. They kept this place until round 7, when they dropped to sixth, then seventh place, where they languished – despite some gutsy performances – for the rest of the season.

## DIVISION 3

This team had the most successful season, but stalled at the pointy end. Winning their first game, they started out at the top of the ladder, dropping to third by the third round. By round four they dropped to fourth, then fifth, then sixth by round 10. Still there by round 13 (losing by one shot), they could not make it back to the finals.

## DIVISION 4

This division suffered from many changes of personnel, and was mostly staffed by the most inexperienced players. They started the season at seventh position, had a couple of successful days and went to sixth. They see-sawed in these positions until round 12, when they went to eighth. At this point, I must say thank you to **Rudi Pompe**, who took over as skip for the last three games, much against his own inclination.

Pennant players this season: **Dot Farrell, Enid Gibb, Wilma Haringsma, Micki Horton, Mike Kulkens, Helen McCarthy, July Naughton, Derrick Noble, Mary Payne, Rudi Pompe, Nancy Pugh, Alan Pugh, Rose Rasmussen, Ethel Van Maanen, Sep Van Maanen, Walter Verbolle, Pam Uren.**



*Club champions, Ethel and Sep van Maanen,  
the second husband-and-wife winners in a row.  
The Life Shield entrants - and club pairs winners  
Derrick Noble, Judy Naughton, Enid Gibb  
and Alan Pugh*



# South Group Championships

AS HAS BEEN USUAL IN RECENT YEARS, THE HEATS WERE PLAYED AT KEYSBOROUGH, WHILE THE FINALS WENT TO SUNSHINE – NOT A WELCOME PROSPECT ON A COLD WINTER SUNDAY MORNING. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY ANNOYING WHEN OUR ONLY ACTUAL WINNERS – THE FOURS – WERE TOLD WHEN THEY GOT THERE AT 8.45AM, THAT THEY HAD A BYE AND WOULDN'T BE PLAYING UNTIL AROUND 11AM.

Due to **Dot Farrell's** injured shoulder, the Fours were skipped by **Enid Gibb**, with **Judy Naughton**, **Micki Horton** and **Mary Payne**. They played through to, and won, the final. Unfortunately, they went down in their first game at Sunshine, doing a creditable job against four state players.

The Triples were contested by **Pam Uren**, **Ethel van Maanen** and **Judy Naughton (s)**, and were runners-up. Again, Sunshine did not shine on them, but they gave it their all.

We had two entries in the Pairs: **Nancy Pugh** and **Enid Gibb (s)**, plus **Pam Uren** and **Judy Naughton (s)**. None was successful, but, all in all, we were proud of our results.

Our entrants in the Champion of Champions were our club champions, **Ethel** and **Sep van Maanen**. Ethel won her first game against **Stella Walsh** from Berwick. Sep's first game was against Michael Adams, also from Berwick, who is one of our State players. Well done to both of them.



*Above:  
Triples runners-up Pam Uren,  
Ethel van Maanen and  
Judy Naughton (s).*

*Indoors  
would like to welcome  
Janice Moran to its ranks.  
Janice looks to be as good  
indoors as out,  
Every bowler is welcome to try  
out with the indoors - it's a  
lot warmer during the  
winter months.*

*Below: The Fours: Mary Payne, Micki Horton, Judy Naughton and Enid Gibb (s).*



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*Above: The official table - Sandra Lapham, Jr Vice President Peninsula Casey Bowls Region;  
 Cr Louise Berkmans, City of Casey Deputy Mayor Judith Graley MP, State Member for Narre Warren South;  
 Reg Johnstone, President Narre Warren Bowls Club; Peter Bowman, Secretary Narre Warren Bowls Club;  
 Judith Graley MP, State Member for Narre Warren South;  
 Cr Sam Aziz, City of Casey Springfield Ward*



*Although his extremely busy schedule didn't allow him to attend until later in the day,  
 Luke Donnellan MP  
 Minister for Roads and Road Safety  
 Minister for Ports  
 State Member for Narre Warren North,  
 still managed to turn up, smile intact as usual,  
 to wish us well with the new season.*



Our  
**JACK NORMAN**  
 also managed a smile as he was awarded with his 90th birthday award. At this great age, Jack is still playing pennant. Not a bad effort, Jack. Well done!

Opening Day was, as usual, attended by all who could make it. Old friends were greeted, bowling arms (and fingers) were flexed, and everyone was bright-eyed and bushy tailed, ready to take on the new season.

A highlight of the day was the official handing over of our new barbecue area by **Sam Aziz**, Casey Councillor, Springfield Ward).

Unfortunately, due to my dodgy foot, I couldn't be there for the commencement, so missed out on taking the photos of **Gordon Lowry** receiving his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday award, and the delivery of the first jack (**Callum Osborne**) and first bowl (**Jack Norman**). I'm sure I missed a few people, but the photos here show most of those who attended).

As I know President **Reg** will in his report, I give most grateful thanks to our official guests, who have been 'friends of NWBC' for many years.





*It was lovely to see old favourite Betty Bemrose, who visited to catch up with some old friends. Nice also to see Harry McCombe, who has also given up bowls, but not on seeing old friends.*





# Pennant Practice

Pennant practice on Saturday 12 September was a huge success. Every rink was filled, and the day was warm and mostly windless. We played against Dandenong Club and Cardinia Waters, and it was nice to flex the bowling muscles again. Tuesday's teams had their run also but, due to my wonky foot, I wasn't there, so nobbdy took any pictures. Thanks to **Norm Hosmer** for this lot. **Micki**







# SELECTION REPORT

by

*Eric Sydenham*

*Chairman of Selectors*

**W**e are rapidly approaching the start of another pennant season and our club will have its largest player representation in its history, thanks to an additional two-rink side on Tuesdays, and the elevation of last seasons 8th Division, which has four full rinks of four players.

This has resulted in 14 additional positions being available each week, which is fortunate, as we have some 14 new members this year vying for the opportunity to play pennant.

A number of new initiatives have been introduced to streamline the selection process, and to communicate teams selection to members.

A new concept in training and social interaction was recently launched, with the commencement of **Pennant Practice Thursday**, when more than 40 members attended the club during the afternoon to have a roll-up and then

enjoy a sausage sizzle, which was provided by the club. This event will continue throughout the season, so long as there is sufficient support for it.

We are also very pleased to announce a new Lucky Member's Draw each Thursday afternoon between 5-6pm, which will jackpot weekly if a winner is not present to claim the prize. This event is being generously sponsored by our greenkeeper Marker Walker, and we are very grateful for this offer.

Players' Night will be held at the club on Thursday 24 September from 6pm following thursday practice and the members' jackpot draw. Teams for the first round of the new season will be announced following a light supper. Please make an effort to attend on this night, and get the season off to a good start.

Good bowling to all our members, and please enjoy your season.

**An elderly gentleman has serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor who had him fitted for hearing aids that allowed him 100 per cent hearing. He returned to the doctor a month later, who told him his hearing was now perfect, and suggested his family must be pleased with the result.**

**The gentleman said, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'**

# From the Coach

Welcome all to the upcoming pennant season. Again I will be harping on the same old slogan



Coach Arthur Scheurer

## PRACTICE, PRACTICE and PRACTICE

It has been good to see a few more coming out of hibernation and starting to loosen up for more competitive competition. Coaching is now back to our normal schedule of

<b>Tuesday</b>	skills and general practice	<b>3.30 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	team practice - preferably with your team and rink mates for Saturday	<b>3.30 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	skills and new bowlers, or any club bowlers who may require assistance one-on-one or in group	<b>9.30 am till about noon</b>

I hope those of you who upgraded or changed their bowls and equipment have been trying them out and getting to know just how they roll while the greens are slower and it is easier to make the adjustments needed to get winning results.

I hope my suggestion at the end of last season to find a training buddy was not totally ignored, as this is a very good way to improve your bowls without getting bored, and also having the benefit of someone to observe and report on faults or improvements which, in the long run, improves you and the quality of your game.

Sunday mornings are now being used for skills prac-

tice, and I suggest that any time you can put in to doing these exercises will all so be very beneficial to your game. However, if you require some specific coaching advice, Sunday is a great time for one-on-one or group sessions

At dates still to be determined there will be two skill competitions, first early in the season, and the scores obtained will be recorded and added to a second round later in the season, just to see who has improved and who is the Narre Warren skills champion.

Everybody, have a great season and remember that BOWLS is a great game, very competitive and, most of all, you have to enjoy it and have fun.

# Garden Gnome Gossip

As soon as the soil warms up, feed your whole garden. 11c soil temperature will allow the slow-release formula to begin working.

Time to repot your seedlings and plant vegetables, if you haven't already done so; tidy up any plants which need shaping ready for the flush of spring growth just weeks away. With the onset of spring weather come our favourite garden insect pests. Just a few weeks ago I observed a large number of European wasps busily climbing on my hedge of pittosporum at the back of the house. Before I could spray them (which I was intent on doing) we realised that they were busily eating the aphids which were feasting on the new growth, so, although an established, pest they have their place in the great scheme of things.

Time now to gather any weed and insect spray so that as the weather warms up (bring it on!!!) you are prepared for the job. Wait for a still, sunny day, late morning after any dew has dried and the garden is in full sun in order that the spray of chemicals has a few hours to dry and be absorbed by the foliage.

There is an old saying "as dear as poison" and it is quite true; most chemicals are quite expensive, however, as in everything, you get what you pay for – don't take shortcuts, buy the best you can afford and pay close attention to the amount of active ingredient in the product. You will be amazed at the difference.

This brings me to the issue of safety. If you do not have a set of overalls, an old long-sleeved shirt and long-leg pants, two pairs of gloves, one rubber covered with



sturdy garden gloves, safety glasses, hat and a face mask. The inexpensive ones are okay, but don't be tempted to recycle; discard the face mask after one use and place all clothing in the same load of washing, so there is no transfer to your normal clothing. Series 6 & 7 poisons require you to have a licence to purchase them, and should always be used with great caution. Someone I know caused great damage to their health spraying contact insect spray in the air during the night without turning the light on to check they had the right can – be careful!!!

Have a great spring and enjoy your garden.

*Sandra Lapham*



**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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# SENIORS MORNING TEA

*With Luke Donnellan MP*



**M**ore than 100 Seniors and Narre Bowls members attended the morning tea at the Narre Warren Bowls Club to have a cuppa and listen to guest speakers, **Inspector Paul Breen**, Area Commander of Casey Police, and **Jen Baird** from Neighbourhood Watch.

Inspector Breen emphasised the need for everyone to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious behaviour. “Casey is one of the largest-growing municipalities in Victoria and we must work together to ensure the safety of our community,” Inspector Breen said.

Jen Baird highlighted the importance of Neighbourhood Watch in community crime prevention. “It is our responsibility

to look out for each other’s safety and to take an active role in making sure that all homes in the neighbourhood are safe and secure,” Jen Baird said. Through meetings, newsletters, community events and many other avenues, watch groups show criminals that residents are going the extra mile to make sure they are not victimised. Neighbourhood Watch members can identify crime trends and patterns, such as a series of robberies or burglaries,





and alert their neighbours to take crime-preventions steps, in addition to providing information to help police.

The morning tea was also a great opportunity for the Seniors to catch up with their local Member of Parliament, **Luke Donnellan**, and share concerns they may have. “It’s great to see so many Seniors attend today to catch up with old friends and take a real interest in community safety,” Luke Donnellan said.



**Luke Donnellan MP**

*Invites you to*

**SAFETY AWARENESS INFORMATION &  
ACTIVE SKILLS MORNING**

**Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 12pm**

**Narre Warren Bowls Club**

**Max Pawsey Reserve, Magid Drive Narre Warren**

*With*

**Patricia Clarke**

**Government Accredited Trainer**

The morning will be an information and active session covering:

- ✓ Personal Safety
  
- ✓ Safe shopping and banking
  
- ✓ Safety using public transport
  
- ✓ Internet Safety
  
- ✓ Basic common dos and don'ts for better safety
  
- ✓ Practical Hints and safety handouts  
&
- ✓ Active demonstration of simple self-defence techniques  
Learning basic strikes and resolving techniques

**Come along and improve your personal awareness and develop your confidence through using and implementing skills in a friendly environment.**

Morning Tea will be provided

Please **RSVP** by Friday 9 October 2015 for catering purposes

**Phone: 9706 0566**

# Welcome Riley



Finally, I get to skite that I am a great-grandma. I like to refer to myself as Grannie the Great, and have taken severe steps to make sure everyone else in the family does, too.

Meet gorgeous little Riley, daughter of my grandson, Aran, and his partner, Amber. She was born on 16 July at 9.32pm. Welcome to the world, little one. I hope you have a great life.



## STOP PRESS

The Over 60 Pairs were played at Pakenham on Sunday 20 September, and our club entrants were **Margo Worseley** and **Margaret Hyam**, **Erich Luyters** and **Eric Sydenham**, and **Arthur Scheurer** and **Reg Young**. Unfortunately our inexperienced ladies went down to the much more experienced Cranbourne team, but the men were successful, with Erich and Eric having a convincing win against Cardinia Waters. Arthur and Reg sneaked in at the end against ex-Narre bowler Jeff Parker and Graham Woods from Cranbourne. Two down at the last end, Arthur took out one shot, and Parker missed with his second, allowing Arthur to take the game without playing his last shot. The next round is at Cranbourne RSL next Sunday. It would be nice for them to have some support, so pop down if you can.



*Above: Margo Worseley and Margaret Hyam.  
Left: Reg Young and Arthur Scheurer. Below: Eric Sydenham and Erich Luyters*

