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Club Bulletin

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CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE AND THE FESTIVE SEASON

Ho ho ho! Yes indeed it is that season and festivities got underway at the club in style as around 150 jolly members and their friends attended the Annual Christmas Dinner Dance recently. Once again, favourite musician Marceau Camille provided the entertainment for the night. The draw for the beautiful Christmas hampers was also conducted.

The winners were:

HAMPER 1. Rob Bromley	HAMPER 5. Phil Rock	HAMPER 10. Laurie Hogan
HAMPER 2. Mabel Cuce	HAMPER 6. Ken Smith	HAMPER 11. Barry Hardman
HAMPER 3. Margaret Parker	HAMPER 7. Dianne Phelan	HAMPER 12. Marion Beckett
HAMPER 4. Alton Truffitt	HAMPER 8. Richard Lovell	HAMPER 13. Phil Rock
	HAMPER 9. Carl Giardina	

Don't forget the Christmas Eve drinks and nibbles is on **Monday 24th December** from 5:30pm onwards.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

One could hardly be blamed for wondering "*where in the heck has this year gone*"

It only seems like yesterday that the new Board of Management was formed and set about forming the agenda for its business of the year. The last eight months have seen some changes to the Club. It is fair to say that some of these have impacted on the improved external look of the Club House and the surrounds, and internal innovations inside that have been well received by members and have acted positively on social activities.

On the external side, with the financial support of the Manningham Council, extensive work was carried out to remove contaminants from the premises and to replace rotted woodwork, and to paint the new and existing woodwork and spouting in the heritage colours long embraced by the Club.

The new look added to the already task undertaken by Neil English and his merry band of helpers in painting the shelter sheds around the greens, and the equipment and storage sheds. What a difference a coat of paint makes.

Inside, music can be regularly heard from the Juke Box whose purchase and payment was well organised by Irene Garrett. As well, after being approached by the Social Committee, the Board took the





bold step to approve the shifting of the weekly meal night from its well held tradition of Thursday night, to an adventurous Wednesday night. A decision taken with our fingers crossed.

History will show that it was one of the better decisions of the year. The night has been well embraced and supported by the members, new and old alike, and has added atmosphere and social cordiality to the mid-week programs of the Club. All those involved in the new menu offerings, the team leaders and kitchen crews, the food cooks, the raffle and ticket persons, the bar helpers and the MC, all deserves the applause of members and visitors alike. Well done all!

And well done to the Social Committee for the special nights. The Melbourne Cup night and Christmas Party were absolute winners. A great effort by all concerned.

These are just a snapshot of the new season's activities. The pennant and tournament program, the New Members days, the bare foot bowls programs and special nights for visiting group bookings, all added to what has been a most successful eight months. It is now incumbent on us all to keep it going, so that we can say next April ***"what a great year we have had"***.

At this special time of the year, the Board of Management wishes every member, your families, and your loved ones, a most joyous and special Christmas. Thanks you all for your efforts, for without you, we have no Club.

Above all, stay safe and we will catch up again after the break

Happy Christmas
Peter Letos
Executive Chairman, BOM

PENNANT – MID SEASON REPORT

The tables below show our current standings after 11 rounds of the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Pennant competition. As we have only one team in the top four, there is clearly room for improvement. There is still plenty of time left. So, let's focus and do our best for the remainder of the season.

MIDWEEK PENNANT

SIDE	POSITION
1 Women Only	6th
2	5th
3	8th
4	6th
5	8th

SATURDAY PENNANT

SIDE	POSITION
1	8th
2	5th
3	5th
4	3rd
5	8th
6	9th

<http://www.bowlsvic.org.au/Pennant>

FROM THE COACH'S BOX

This year has seen an excellent response from pennant players, which has culminated in an increase in Thursday numbers from last season. Well done to all those who have attended your results are showing how well you are practicing and taking on board the tips given to you by your coaches.





I would still like to see more of the lower side skips & thirds attend on Thursday mornings, as I feel there is plenty of room for improvement in this area. On speaking to players they feel let down by those skips/thirds who have little understanding of: Head building/Shot Selection and in particular COMMUNICATION skills. To aid your teams in their quest for success I would urge as many to attend as possible, as this helps your team members build confidence - not only in themselves BUT ALSO IN YOU!!

Dates for your diary - these differ from the club diary

The first training day after the New Year will be Thursday 10th January.

There will be no Pennant Practice / Coaching on the 3rd Jan or Pennant Practice & Social Bowls on the 5th Jan.

The Club is looking for players for the Ballarat visit, so please put your name down for this game and use it as useful practice as well as having an enjoyable day out.

Motivational Quote for 2019:

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team"

I hope you all have a relaxing and festive Christmas & New Year and you are rested and raring to go for 2019

Richard Lovell

VISIT TO VICTORIA BOWLING CLUB BALLARAT

Our club has had a long association with the Victoria Bowling Club at Ballarat East and on **Sunday January 6th** it is our turn to visit our friends. A coach has been booked and will depart the club at 9.15am. Cost is \$30 per person. Bring your own lunch. Afternoon tea and dinner will be provided by our hosts. Notice regarding this trip and list for those interested is now at the club. Please note that the closing date for putting your name on the list and payment of monies is Monday 24th December. It should be a fun day!! Contact Ash Rowe for any further information.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Our very successful Wednesday Night Meals program is having a short recess during the festive season and will resume on January 16th, a special evening for all the grand kids. So do put your names on the list and brings all the little ones to the club on January 16th.

NIGHT TOURNAMENT

Have you played bowls at night? Beat the day time heat and give it a go. Our 7-week Night Tournament gets underway on Tuesday March 6th. It is a nominated triples game of 16 ends with power play. It is sponsored by our friends at hmh ADVISORY in Doncaster and there is very good prize money on offer at the end of the seven weeks. Contact Dinesh Balgovind for more information.

GREENS

The Greens have begun to awaken from nearly ten months of dormancy. The recent rains and warm sunny days will soon have the grass growing and filling in the bare patches.

Michael Jones will be treating both greens with various chemicals over the Christmas break and also giving them their yearly scarifying. The sides of the hedges will also be trimmed during this period also. Most of the work will be handled by Michael and the Greens and Garden Committees





but volunteers are also required so please call Neil English on 98406549 before he can call you!

"Someone" will do the job so why can't it be you? Light work only!!

The **Greens will be closed** from Thursday the 20th of December until Tuesday the 1st of January, inclusive. **That means nobody is to be on the Greens unless authorised!**

HOUSE (AND BUILDINGS)

Since the Council kindly repaired and refurbished the upper part of the Clubhouse we seem to be weatherproof. Our rostered cleaners are keeping things tidy and should be congratulated.

Ken Griska has replaced rotten timber and the sill on the large window at the West end of the building and given it two coats of undercoat prior to the topcoat scheduled for the next couple of weeks. The front windows by the main entrance will be painted at the same time.

New stainless steel wires are being attached to the shade awnings between the Greens after high winds snapped the previous wires.

The gutter that runs along the South side of the building has been cleaned of bottles, cans, paper rubbish, leaves, sticks and bits of cement. The rubbish blocked both downpipes and water flooded back into the cleaning equipment store room.

The Combi oven in the kitchen has been declared faulty and unrepairable by a qualified technician. As this oven is a fixed item it comes under Council ownership and we await a decision from the officers concerned as to its future. The Board has approved the purchase of a Fish Fryer to enable the preparation of meals without depending on the Combi oven.

There are leaks in the roofs of the utility sheds and replacement for some of the corrugated iron sheets will be required next year. If you have a few sheets in good condition please let me know.

I wish to thank those people who have volunteered their time and expertise to make the Garden and Greens into the attractive picture they present to our members and visitors.

Thanks also to those who helped with the repairs and maintenance required during the year.

If we were to replace the volunteers with paid Tradesmen the Club would probably go broke!

I wish every member a very merry and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you all on the Greens in 2019.

Neil English

Director-House and Greens.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The various club championships are well underway. Just a reminder that the finals of the men's and women's singles championship will be played on **of Sunday January 13th** commencing at 6pm. There will be a sausage sizzle and the bar will be open from 5pm. All members are encouraged to support this event.

USEFUL APPS





Most of us these days have smartphones and a whole stack of apps, some of which we use all the time and others hardly ever. Here are two useful apps you may wish to try out.



The **Emergency Plus** App could help save lives. The app uses GPS functionality built into smart phones to help a Triple Zero (000) caller provide critical location details required to **mobilise emergency services**.



The **Seven Eleven Fuel** App could save you money. Customers can lock a favourable fuel price and then fill up their car within seven days – at that price – at any 7-Eleven store in Australia. If the price of the fuel you locked in rises during the week you win and if the price falls you will still win because you will get the lower price. How good is that?



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