

**Berwick Bowling Club Inc.**  
**Record of Proceedings**  
**Special Board of Management Meeting**  
**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**WELCOME:**

The meeting commenced at 6.10PM with a welcome by the Chairman.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Edward Wilson (Chairman), Rob Licqurish, Helen Adair, Jeff Janetzki, Bruce Shearer, Tony Wynen.

**APOLOGIES:**

Bill Stilo

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

Consideration of the following Issues:

1. Jason Wood has been in touch about possible means to get funding for roof over a green;
2. Consideration of Options – which green?
3. Shading of grass – model of impact by shading;
4. Council staff have provided preliminary advice on our proposals;
5. Concept for Clubroom alterations - Architect Conceptual Design;
6. Potential Steering Committee/Reference Panel;
7. Marketing Strategy;
8. Kitchen issues; and
9. Greens Mower.

**OUTCOME**

1. FUNDING:

It was agreed to support the offer from Jason that the Club will prepare a petition seeking funding for the proposed roof.

*ACTION: RL to follow up with Jason's office to obtain information.*

2. Construction of Roof over Green:

The Board noted that the Greens Committee has advised that if a grass green was to be roofed over it should be Green 3. Greens 1 & 2 should remain with a grass surface.

After due consideration of all the issues, the Board has decided that Green 3 offers the best solution with construction of a roof over a second synthetic green because:

- a. With Green 3, houses will not be overlooking a large roof obstructing their views. With Green 4 the roof will be only six metres from the residential boundary and totally obscuring their view across the valley;
- b. Using Green 3 maintains peaceful amenity of our neighbours because bowls is limited on Green 4 to daylight hours;
- c. With Green 3, an extra synthetic green provides a much wider use of greens during winter with 16 rinks available we can accommodate double the current number of bowlers;
- d. Enquiries with Berry's, the installer of our new carpet on Green 4, advise that if not impossible, there is extreme difficulty building a roof over it due to the impact of work lifting the roof structure into place and fixing the poly material, fans, etc. without impacting the carpet below; and

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- e. Foundations for the columns on Green 4 will need to be dug very close to the green due to the limits on northern and western side steep embankment.

Green 3 presents less construction problems and will cost less for the roof. There are far more long term opportunities for creating viewing areas, social areas, bar and facilities close to Greens 1, 2 and 3.

*ACTION: RL. A budget of \$5,000 has been allocated to engage an Architect to prepare conceptual drawings of a roof over Green 3 and alterations to the existing building and surrounds to integrate Green 3 and 4 and potential social facilities with the current viewing deck and linkages to the clubrooms.*

3. Shading of grass – model of impact by shading:

The company that has built many lightweight structures over bowling greens including Sebastopol. Deer Park, Moloolaba, Morwell, has been engaged to undertake shade modelling to establish the impact of shading of a roof over Green 3 on Green 2 at a cost of \$450 + GST.

4. Council staff have provided preliminary advice on our proposals:

We have had several meetings with Council Staff and a representative of Bowls Australia. At this stage we have their full support. A further meeting with Council is scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>.

In addition, our local Federal member Jason Wood has our support together with Councillors Susan Serey and Geoff Ablett. Reg Rowswell is exploring potential support from other State and Federal politicians.

If any of our members have relationships and can suggest ways of involving others please contact Reg.

5. Concept for Clubroom alterations - Architect Conceptual Design:

Refer ITEM 2

6. Potential Steering Committee/Reference Panel:

The Board proposes to establish Steering Committee of up to 10 members to guide this major project. It is envisaged that there will be an executive to this Committee reporting to the Board.

A Reference panel of some 30 club members will be invited to provide input at key stages.

7. Marketing Strategy:

In February, the Board will invite some of our members to join a team to commence work on a Marketing Strategy. It is envisaged that with some willing helpers, we can come up with some ideas and a plan to commence the growth of participation in all our club activities.

8. Kitchen

Toward the end of 2018 there were a few occasions when several of our long serving members who have so often rolled up their sleeves to work in the kitchen became disgruntled to say the least.

A vital part of the Club, the Board totally supports the dedicated few who work hard as team working in the kitchen and looking after maintenance of our clubrooms and surrounds.

It's so important that they be fully supported by our members but it's not easy in a volunteer environment. We encourage these members to remain involved and offer any assistance we can provide. The Board is open to suggestions as how we can relieve the workload with paid assistance.

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9. Greens Equipment

Mark Walker has as advised that our greens mower is old and needs replacement. In addition the roller is not designed for our grass surface and cannot provide a satisfactory result. Our greens are arguably the best in Melbourne and to maintain them to a high standard requires suitable equipment. The grass is a fine leaf couch specially developed for bowling greens. It requires purpose built mowers and rollers designed for maintaining an even length and density of grass for consistency in rolling and draw of biased bowls. The Greens Committee recommends that the Board consider as the first priority replacement of the greens mower this year with replacement of the greens roller deferred to 2020.

We have a quote for a 'MTF' greens mower total price of \$14,840 +GST.

Mark advises that he can sell the old mower for around \$5,000. This leaves a budget amount of \$10,000 to purchase the new mower.

*ACTION: RL. Obtain another quote for a new greens mower.*