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Dear Members

As we reach the mid-point of the off season it is important to keep all members informed of what is happening in our club and how we prepare for the coming pennant season. This newsletter should help, but if ever you are wondering about something please give me a call or an email.

Social Bowls

Wednesday and Saturday social bowls has continued to attract between 30 and 40 people and the greens are running beautifully. We thank Robert Pope for his contribution to these days and his band of merry assistants, often Brendan O'Donnell and Rob Coulls. We would love a few more of the higher-level bowlers to consider coming as your presence and advise is always appreciated by others.

Pennant Availability sheets

Unfortunately, quite a number of forms are still outstanding and at this stage we are still not certain how many teams we can nominate. If you haven't yet responded please do so asap. If you have lost the form an email or text to Mike Miller is ok. Please also continue to recruit new members so we can be sure we have sufficient players to fill the teams.

Selection procedures

Selection procedures have slightly changed for this coming season. The new selection policy has been approved by the board and can be found on the club website. Selection panel chairs have been appointed and are Sue Hughes for Thursdays and Shane Neal for Wednesdays and Saturdays. Selectors for each team are not yet finalised as we still need to find a few more willing volunteers. They should be announced very soon.

New members

In addition to several new members highlighted last month we welcome back after a few years off Dave Body. There has been some recruiting done recently of lady players and we may be able to welcome a few new members soon.

Shades update

The Burnside Council has agreed to partially fund the proposed shade structures in June/July 2025. That means there will be no further activity for a while. Members will be consulted at a Special General Meeting later in the year where the expenditure for this project will be debated and considered.

Verandah repairs

There was a partial collapse of the verandah recently and we thank Ian Campbell and the Beltrame brothers for their prompt work. The area was unsafe for only a brief period. We are consulting with Council whether it is an insurance claim. The fascia will be repainted soon.

Window and carpet cleaning

Professional cleaning has been deferred until nearer the season opening day. In the interim feel free to do a bit of cleaning whenever you wish.

Bar tidy up.

Well done Viv who has undertaken quite a lot of work recently tidying up the bar and storeroom. It's a big job but well worth it.

Volunteers

Recently we have publicly acknowledged the great work of our volunteers. Volunteer of the week in recent weeks have been

- Mike Dwyer for managing the bar every Saturday
- Robert Pope for his work with social bowls
- Cathie Roff for coordinating the bistro (along with Jan Chinnery)

Subs

Invoices for subs will be emailed to members later this month. You can pay directly into the BBC bank account or over the bar at the club. Either way you must quote your invoice number when paying.

Auditor

Thanks to Peter Roma who has offered to be the club auditor this year. He has been appointed as such by the board. Thanks also to Barry Hanna who also offered. Fancy having more volunteers than positions available!

Topsy's farewell

A large number of members gathered with Don's family and friends to give him a fitting farewell. It is really heartening the way our members look after each other and even attend a funeral in numbers. Please continue to support those in need because for many members the bowling club IS their family or social network. Thank you.

Sick List

Ian Omond is quite unwell with several nasty tumours. Philip Pledge had a stint in hospital but is well now. Ian Campbell was on the sick list but has also recovered. John Forrest is to undergo another major knee operation this week. Richard Pledge is struggling with a leg ailment. Our thoughts and best wishes are with you all.

Diary Dates

Upcoming events include another quiz night Sept 27, Christmas Dinner late Nov/ early Dec, Internal bowling event Jan 26

Joke

The skipper was getting a bit annoyed with his team who had failed to contribute all day. As the third was preparing to bowl he called to the skip "Where's our closest bowl?" The skip replied, "It's still in your hand!"

Many thanks and enjoy our club

Tom