



Glen Eira-McKinnon Bowls Club

Newsletter August 2022

Hello members – it's hard to know where to start! In the nearly three months since our Annual General Meeting, the Board has been very busy continuing initiatives of the previous Board and instigating new plans.

Firstly, a very warm welcome to new members Leslie Buffett and Michele Maller, and welcome back to Anthony Hall. We wish Leslie, Michele and Anthony a happy and long membership with us and great bowling!

Anthony has returned as our coach. He has extensive plans for developing our bowling skills and will liaise with the selectors to ensure we have the most impressive pennant sides.

Members have enjoyed wonderful winter social games on Saturday afternoons. We have been treated to great afternoon teas by Terry and many of our members who have made delectable contributions including soup, cakes, scones and slices. On a rainy afternoon, we played indoor games, and it was a very enjoyable time.

A number of improvements have been completed:

- Air conditioners in the lounge and hall
- Solar panels on the roof
- New scoreboards – combining parts of our old scoreboards with the Southern Indoor boards, and repainted
- We have ordered a matching aggregate scoreboard
- Waterproof scoreboard covers with club logo will be delivered very soon
- 14 umbrellas to provide much-needed shade on the southern end of the greens, and two near the BBQ area
- The kitchen and men's toilets have been painted

A number of our members have worked hard to complete these tasks and their contribution is truly appreciated.

Thanks to those members who have supplied new jacks with the club logo, and new mats sponsored by Fletchers Real Estate.

Clubhouse upgrade

The project manager will be Peter McKeon, assisted by Peter Wisnewski, Brian Rosengarten and Terry Clark. Peter has worked meticulously on the plans and continues to identify every area of the works to ensure any possible uncertainties are identified before any work is started. Different areas of works have been prioritised, with the complete remake of the bar topping the list, followed by installation of a unisex disabled toilet along with women's toilets in the current men's toilet and locker room area near the front entrance; redo of the current women's toilets at the western end of the building will possibly be unisex. Also on the list is a redo of the ceiling, painting and carpet in the lounge and entry. The existing wall between the men's locker room and the lounge will be removed. Budgeting is very carefully monitored to control costs.

As Peter's role is critical to the works, he has been co-opted as a director on the Board. This will ensure optimal communication with the Board.

New Member Induction

A comprehensive new member induction brochure has been compiled that covers basic game formats, etiquette, pennant day procedures, members' responsibilities, information about our Club, jargon, hospitality, roles of players, duty rink responsibilities and a deal of other useful information. The document covers many aspects of general bowling and pennant that we tend to take for granted but that anyone new to the Club may not be aware of, especially new bowlers. Contact Rosemary if you would like a copy of this document.

Membership Application Forms

These have been revised to include only information that is actually needed. These forms will no longer be put on the noticeboard as we need to comply with privacy issues. Only the names of people applying for membership will be publicised on the notice boards for members' information. Member application forms for Junior and Community membership applications have also been compiled.

Governance

The Board has updated Club Regulations, adopted a Code of Conduct and Privacy Policy, and have signed written agreements with paid players and the coach.

The Constitution, Regulations, Code of Conduct and Privacy Policy have been emailed to members, and copies are available for perusal in the front foyer.

Uniforms

As members know, we are obtaining new club shirts this season. An email has been sent to members with details, and we urge **all members to submit their order before the closing date**. It is compulsory for pennant players to wear the same club shirt. Any orders submitted after the closing date will **not benefit** from the special one-off cost of \$20 and will likely not be received in time for the first games. Please contact Anita (0425 719 142) if you need assistance or can't get to the Club before the closing date. We have been very fortunate to obtain generous sponsorship from Fletchers Real Estate for our new shirts. We will also be wearing plain royal blue (or white) pants/shorts. These are available from any bowls shop. Please do NOT wear any maroon or non-club approved clothing items at pennant. It is essential that our sides wear the uniform correctly. This reflects strongly on the standards of our Club and of the individual members.

Opening Day

Opening Day will be on Saturday 10 September. All members are expected to attend. Format will be bowls starting at 12.30pm, Opening of the Greens at 2.45 followed by high tea at 3.00pm. Club uniform to be worn. More information will be forwarded shortly. RSVP 5 September.

Our new Recruiting Committee has been hard at work under the leadership of Russell Dowling. The first of a number of letterbox drops is nearing completion in the local area to publicise the Club and its features, benefits of membership and promoting barefoot bowls and hosting functions.

Pennant practice will start in earnest early September. Members are expected to attend Saturday practice as well as Thursday afternoon training sessions.

Dates for Pennant

Tuesday: 11 October – 25 October, (Wednesday) 2 November, 8 November – 15 November, 29 November – 13 December, 17 January – 14 February then finals.

Thursday: 6 October – 10 November then finals

Saturday: 15 October – 12 November, 26 November – 17 December, 14 January – 11 February then finals

All the dates will be in the Members' Handbook which will be compiled as soon as the pennant draws are finalised.

If your phone number or email address has changed in the past 12 months, or if any of your details in the previous handbook are incorrect, please advise us ASAP at glenmacbowls@yahoo.com

Saturday 8 October

Members of our team that came third in the Brighton evening winter tournament have kindly donated their winnings to subsidise a very special BBQ dinner to mark the start of our pennant season. This will be after practice on Saturday 8 October. Details to follow.

Working bees will be led by Peter McKeon will be starting soon. Again, more details soon.

Suggestions from members for Improvement of our Club are welcome. A suggestion box will be available at the bar (all submissions must be signed) or you may email them to glenmacbowls@yahoo.com

Until next time, enjoy your bowls and our great Club.

Rosemary