



Newsletter to Members November 2023

Glenmac's big social bowls day will now be on Sunday 17 March 2024. Members are invited to be part of the Committee to organise and run the event – you won't be overloaded with tasks, but you will make an important contribution to a day to remember for our Club. Let me know if you can assist.

Our members are invited to participate in the event and stand a chance to win a portion of the \$3000 prize money. Flyers will shortly be available, and we will be promoting this event at all pennant days and in fact at every opportunity.

We are having a **pennant breakup celebration** following the final Saturday pennant day for 2023 – Saturday 16 December. A list will be located on the noticeboard in the lounge and it's essential that names are written on it so we can cater appropriately.

A very warm welcome to our new member Michael Pitaro. We look forward to Michael playing for Glenmac. Michael's phone number is 0414 743 511 (no email address).

It's really vital that we as members conform to our **Code of Conduct**. Recently a number of instances of unacceptable behaviour have had to be attended to by the Board. It simply comes down to caring about others and showing respect and courtesy. I'm sure you will have noticed the Code of Conduct in our Members' Handbook.

We have purchased a new **table tennis table** which will shortly be located in the (current) lounge at the western end of the building. The table is foldable and is easily put together. Members and friends are welcome to try out their skills.

Club Championships – entries close on 26 November for Men's and Women's Singles, Open Pairs and Proportional (100 up) competitions. Have a go – it is a great experience and quite different to our usual games. Thanks to Wiz for organising the matches.

Bottle/can recycling – Glenmac is participating in the new recycling program. **Please return any bottles and cans to the bar** where they will be sorted (not all appropriate for recycling). This will greatly reduce our wastage and will return some funds to the Club. Cans should not be squashed as the barcode must be legible when submitted for recycling.

In a few weeks, we'll be halfway through the pennant season! Our **Saturday sides** have got off to a slow start but last Saturday Side 1 trounced Hampton RSL with 3 winning rinks and a draw on the 4th. Here we go!

The selectors have had a difficult job getting enough players to fill side 3 – having contacted at least 8 nearby clubs that are in a similar position to complete our side, but without success – and are rotating the remaining side 3 players into side 2. Side 2 is playing valiantly.

Our **Tuesday side 1** is unbeaten and is 26 points ahead of the second on the ladder.

Side 2 is lying 7th on the ladder with 2 wins to date.

Our **Thursday 7-a-side** is currently 2nd on the ladder following a huge win this week!

GO GLENMACS!

Wednesday coaching – Have you ever heard of a football team that doesn't have a coach? Or a champion tennis player not needing coaching? Why should we bowlers be any different? Anthony is providing coaching to anyone requesting it on Wednesdays at 4.00pm. Please contact Anthony (0459 760 816) to arrange an appointment.

Pennant practice on Thursdays – practise with the team you've been selected to play in. This makes for essential preparation and creates opportunities for teams to learn to work together effectively.

Russell and Anthony excelled themselves over the last two Sundays in the Sandbelt Men's Pairs event. After winning their first round on November 12, they went on to win their round 2 match 20 to 2!!! This meant they were unable to attend our wonderful Novotel breakfast buffet as the next round was scheduled at the same time; they won that round and reached the quarter final. Unfortunately, the run came to an end this time but – hey, how proud are we of Russell and Anthony!

Glen Eira-McKinnon was a host venue to the Men's Pairs on Sunday 12th, and sincere thanks go to manager for the day Dave Oshry, umpire Peter McKeon and as always to Terry who produced a beautifully presented club to the 64 players from a range of Sandbelt clubs.

Glenmac will be hosting another two Sandbelt events on **Sunday 3rd December** – Women's Triples and Men's Singles. Come down to see some great bowling.

Or – go to Mordialloc to support Russ and Brad in their Men's Singles and Burden Park to support Anthony. Best wishes to all three!

On Sunday November 19 more than 30 members, together with family and friends, enjoyed a fabulous **buffet breakfast** at our wonderful sponsor Novotel Hotel in Glen Waverley. I don't think many of us had lunch (or even dinner) later that day. This is a very positive way to support our generous sponsor: we look forward to our next visit. Members are encouraged to bring family and friends to enjoy a wonderful morning.

Building Update (thanks to Peter McKeon for the following info) -

- The final design documents have been received from the Construction Designers and have been reviewed by the Building Surveyors.
- Four Builders have been asked to provide estimates. To date one has provided a quote. The Building Sub Committee will be meeting with him later this week.
- Current Planning has construction on Phase 1 (Bar) and Phase 2 (Toilets off the Bar) commencing mid to late February (subject to council approval and builder selection).
- The Refrigeration Specialists are currently experiencing delays with their Stainless Steel (for the bar) estimates .

- The existing Glass Washer has been replaced with a new one and the Ice Machine will be replaced later this week.
- A new Line Marker has been purchased so that the lines on the greens can be regularly refreshed.
- New Windsocks have been located on either side of the upper and lower greens.
- Work is continuing in the Ruth Barton memorial garden with plans to cover the pathway with stones and site a small bench there, so that members can sit and reflect in relaxing surrounds.

- A **First Aid Course** was run at the Club on Wednesday 15th November with the following members qualifying as First Aiders:
 - Peter McKeon
 - Terry Clark
 - Carole O'Brien
 - Denis Boyd
 - Dawn Boyd
 - Brian Rosengarten (Theory only)

- and the following members have made alternate arrangements to complete the practical component on site at 1SDO training
 - Russell Dowling
 - Maree Theiler
 - Roland Theiler
 - Anthony Hall
- Peter personally found the training especially useful and can now say with some confidence that he could probably administer CPR and use the defibrillator in an emergency. The Course did however expose some deficiencies within our first aid kits, defibrillator and signage that the Board will be addressing over the next few days.

Peter recommends offering this course yearly to members not only as a refresher for members that have already undertaken the course , but also to provide more first aiders within the Club.

November/December birthdays:

Colin Snelling, Stuart Clarkson, Terry Clark, Carole O’Brien, Ross Maver, Joshua Peediakal, Nathan Frydman, Tony McMahon, Katy Fielding and Emmery Bihary.

We wish you many happy birthdays and good health (and great bowling).

With best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and return to amazing bowling,

Rosemary

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