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Practice matches

Prior to the Round one practice game a brief opening of the greens ceremony was held, with chairman of selectors **Gordon Lowing** leading the way delivering the first Jack of the season followed by the club's newly appointed life member **Colin Gorman** delivering the first bowl.

This bowl was first used at the opening ceremony in 1865 and has been used each year since then in this ceremony.

The president's message was that

"that we individually and as a collective should consider what over the coming months a unified membership both on and off the green can achieve for us individually and for the club as a whole".

The weather for the first round of practice was less than ideal as it was a cold and windy.

The aim of the day was to blow away the cobwebs and welcome and bond with new members. It was great to see how the new members fitted comfortably in to the Melbourne laid back but competitive way. It was also pleasing the way everyone stayed around after the games and socialised getting to know each other.

Round two of practice is next Saturday 9 October

The format is to be internal club competition at MBC starting at 1pm. Voting on

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performance by players will be required.

It is important as many players as possible attend to **give the selectors a chance** to start to get to know the pool of players they will be selecting from. It is important for selectors to get comparisons between players and how everyone works together in addition to individual brilliance.

To ensure that we are able to start on time could everyone **please place their name on the board prior to Saturday** so that teams can be picked Saturday morning. Late adjustments will be catered for but if they are the exception it keeps everyones blood pressure down.

Remaining practice matches

Sat 16	Internal club games at MBC.
Sep 1pm start	Voting on performance by players required. or Bundoora Challenge. 12 top side aspirants required
Sat 23	Internal club games at MBC.
Sep 1pm start	Voting on performance by players required. St Kilda will be sending 16 players roughly div 4-6 over for a game with MBC. or Visit to Queenscliff. Top side aspirants encouraged to participate & others who are interested.
Sun1 Oct 1pm start	Internal club games at MBC. Voting on performance by players required.

REMINDER

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, please fill in your pennant and practice match availability .

This can be done by **updating the listing at the club** by ticking your name to indicate your intention to play and by also nominating which practice days you will be attending. **Alternatively you can do it online [\[HERE\]](#)**

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PENNANT PRACTICE and Club night

From Tuesday 5 September the club will be open 7 days a week.

Members can **practice at anytime** that the club is open but scheduled practice days are **TUESDAY and THURSDAY each week.**

Practice => develops consistency, builds team work, improves skills

Results => greater enjoyment, better performance

From this Thursday (7/9) meals will be served between 6 and 8pm. **The raffle will be drawn at 7:00 pm**

The menu to choose from is:

Demons Burger

150g Beef Patty, Brioche, Bacon,
Onion, Cheese, Lettuce, Chutney, Mayo, Chips
Members \$16 Non Members \$18

Fish & Chips

Grilled Filet of John Dory, Salad, Chips,
Lemon & Caper Butter
Members \$18 Non Members \$20

Chicken Parma

Traditional Parma, Chips, Salad
Members \$17 Non Members \$19

O'Connors Grass Fed Sirloin 250g

New York Cut, Pepper Sauce, Chips, Salad
Members \$22 Non Members \$25

Weekly Special

Members \$14 Non Members \$16

Bowl of Chips

Members \$6 Non Members \$7

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Welcome to new members

We would like to welcome the following for taking the step to join the club that is the birthplace of bowls in Australia.

Welcome to :

Arjay Bywaters from South Oakleigh, **Jeffrey "Hollywood" Robertson** from St Kilda, **Nicky Pereira** recently introduced to the game by Byron and has played for Swinburne in the University competition, **Karina Van Weel** from St Kilda and **Scott Senior** from Murrumbeena Park.

Great to have you all on board and we are looking forward to you participating in a fruitful and enjoyable pennant season with Melbourne.

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Club Championships Update

Women's and men's club singles

The first two rounds of 25 up for both competitions will be held on **Sunday 8**

Oct. Entries close on Tuesday 3 October with the draw to be announced at new members and announcing of first round sides night on Thursday 5 October. Remaining games to be arranged by mutual agreement however time limits for completion will be applied by the match committee.

Club open pairs competition

Sunday 29 October will be sets play with a structure of 3 games of 15 ends. The remaining knock out rounds will be played to 18 ends. These games are to be arranged by mutual agreement, however time limits for completion will be applied by the match committee. **Entries close on Tuesday 24 October.** The team pools for the pairs will be posted on the club notice board on **Thursday 26 October.**

Entry for these two events is by placing names on the board. Members who have not paid the \$100 upfront green fee levy will be required to pay \$7 green fees for each event. This will be collected prior to the event.

Details on the remaining three events: Triples, Presidents and Minor championships will follow later.

However **please note** that the triples this year will require members to enter a team rather the match committee creating teams from individual entries.

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Club Helensvale's National 5-a-side competition

4th – 7th September 2017

The annual Club Helensvale \$60,000 National 5 A Side Challenge is underway as this newsletter hits the email trail.

We wish the Melbourne team of **Shane Fordham, Curtis Hanley, Michael Simms, Scott Mortimer** and **Ben Fearn well in their endeavours.** It is an extremely valuable experience to be considered as part of the best of the best of Australian bowlers and the challenge of being on the knife edge of each competition in this company is truly a great experience. We are looking forward to hearing the results of each day's play. Let's hope that Facebook is full of encouragement and news.

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Social Bowls Competition

Starts Wednesday 20 September



Corporate (barefoot) bowls competition - competing for the BUSTARD NUT trophy

The Wednesday night corporate bowls competition will be up and running again this season. Actually it is intended to have two seasons. A spring season starting Wednesday 20 September and an autumn season starting late February.

The season is over 6 weeks of round robin competition of two games a night followed by a 7th week where everyone plays off for the final position on the ladder and the ultimate reward -- the **BUSTED NUT**.

The office will be taking all enquires and registrations for this competition from Tuesday 8 August.

Byron Coonerty and **Chris Hutchison** have agreed to facilitate/manage the nights however more members are welcome to join the team.

Key details:

Starts: Wednesday 20 September

Format: Teams of 4 - 2 matches a night of 7 ends

Catering: Sausage sizzle provided during the evening

Eligibility Team members must not have previously played pennant
: competition.

Cost: \$50 per team per week

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New members night Thursday (5 October) 7pm

Prior to the start of pennant on Saturday (7 October) the board invites new full members as guests for dinner. This night will also include the traditional announcement of the sides prior to the first round of pennant.

As this will be an organised sit down meal members will need to register their intended attendance. Registration list will be posted shortly on the board.

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BV Championship events

If you are interested in entering any of the following BV events add your name to the lists on the club notice board.

Closing dates listed refer to the date the club has to have them lodged by. You will need to ensure that you have listed your name 2 days prior to the date listed.

Currently on the notice board are:

- Over 60's women's and men's singles (entries close 26/9)
- Novice women's and men's singles (entries close 3/10)
- Over 60's men's pairs (entries close 3/10)
- Men's triples championship (entries close 3/10)
- Men's and Womens's singles (entries close 31/10)
- Men's pairs (entries close 31/10)
- Under 25 men's and women's singles (entries close 3/10)
- Mixed pairs (entries close 2/1/18)
- Men's fours (entries close 16/1/18)

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Around the club

Over the coming month the bowls used for social bowls will be gradually moved to storage outside close to the greens. This will reduce congestion around the main entrance and kitchen area which is particularly bad from November and on Saturdays after pennant.

It will also significantly free up staff to serve behind the bar at peak times when the club is buzzing with members and guests rather than acting as transport officials.

It was reported in the last newsletter that the Jack High room has now been setup to be able to be used as a members only bar when required. This has now been tested when there was a function for 200 people in the main club area and those involved in the experiment provided positive feedback to board members.

Club competition polo shirts are on schedule for delivery later in September. If you do not have a Melbourne top, either borrow one, wear your previous club's top or wear a white polo or shirt during practice matches.

Remember pants and shorts no longer have to have the word Melbourne down the leg. This means you can purchase a style that suits you that is Bowls Australia approved from any bowls outlet.

New full members who will be playing pennant will receive their initial club shirt free.

Approaching birthdays

6 Sep	Raphael	Graham
6 Sep	Gary	Brown
8 Sep	Stephanie	Borgo
9 Sep	Grant	Hopwood
9 Sep	John	Mahon
9 Sep	Jeff	Nixon
11 Sep	Luke	Grogan
17 Sep	Carmel	Jackson
19 Sep	Michael	Sims
21 Sep	Barry	Mc Gregor
22 Sep	Grahame	Fraser
24 Sep	Jesse	Hastie
26 Sep	Byron	Coonerty
30 Sep	Kate	Limond

Are you still to register for 2017-18

[Click here to renew your membership online.](#)

Please note: All members who have yet to renew for 2017-18 will **not be able to access members prices.**

They will be reinstated once the membership has been paid.



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