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Arnold to be inducted into the Bowls Australia Hall of Fame

Arnold O'Brien is to be formally inducted into the Bowls Australia "Hall of Fame" in Surfers Paradise on October 26.

Congratulations Arnold from everyone at the Melbourne Bowling Club. A truly deserving recipient.

Read details of his bowling and administrative service at the

[Bowls Australia press release](#)

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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 voting and Junior members as guests for dinner. This night also **includes 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 is now up on the club notice board.

For Catering purposes numbers need to be finalised on Monday 2 October.

Put your name up NOW!!!

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Practice match No: 2 - 9 September

The weather although it was predicted to be pretty average it turned out quite a pleasant afternoon of bowls with the sun out more often than not.

Members are gradually emerging out of the caves of winter with 46 out on the green over the day. New members **Lizzy Lamb** and **Eric Green** strutted their stuff along with returning member **Brad Green**. There appeared to be no rush to depart after the game with the majority staying to enjoy the cream and Jam scones and sandwiches but more importantly each others company after the game.

Round three of practice 16 September was cancelled

Round four of practice 23 September has two components

Bear has organised practice down at Queenscliff on Saturday with overnight accommodation.

All other players will be at home playing against St Kilda. Competition starts at MBC at 1pm. Voting on 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 in a couple of weeks time. It is important for selectors to get comparisons between players and how everyone works together to be able to select the most compatible rink selections by the time.

To ensure that we are able to start on time could everyone **should have placed their name on the board by now.**

Sat 23 Sep 1pm start	Internal club games at MBC. 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.
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 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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Welcome to new members

The club secretary "Fluffy" has provided a very interesting statistic relating to new members for season 2017-18

20 Pennant members

3 Junior members

. 7 Non-pennant members

Overall a very positive start to the season. If you know anyone who might fit in well, bring them along.

Now for the very latest to join the fold:

Lizzy Lamb as well as **Brad Green** who is returning after a year away along with his Dad **Eric** who is a new bowler and showed excellent skills on his two appearances on a bowling green. **Declan Maher** has introduced his mate **Alex Leptos** to the magic of lawn bowls and has joined after one afternoon on the greens. We also welcome **Jack Horgan** and **William Beasley** who live locally and keen to drop in regularly and have a bowl and a drink. Welcome to you all.

PLEASE NOTE all new pennant members need to pick up their Melbourne shirt from **Ewen, Sean** or **Kate**.

NEW STOCKS OF SHIRTS HAVE NOW ARRIVED

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Division 2,3 & 4 Two Bowl Triples tournament

Sunday 22 October 2017 at 10:00am

To be eligible you must not have played in Premier Division or Division 1 this or last season.

The day will consist of 3 games of 14 ends

The winner will be determined by the most games won and shots up.

Prize money

Winners \$600

Runners up \$240

Best of each game \$60*

(* not being either the overall winner or runner up)

Entries close at 11:59pm Wednesday 18 October 2017

Entry via online: fee is \$60 per team to be paid when entering.

Tournament director: Peter Curwen-Walker

email: tournaments@melbournebowlingclub.com

phone: (03) 95105321

To enter click [Two Bowls registration link](#)

Note: Entries for this event is via online registration page



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Raffle 1st prize a voucher for a set of Taylor's bowls

provided by the Premier Division sponsor

Tickets available from the MBC bar or office.



Prizes 2 to 10

*6 pack of beer or
a bottle of wine or
equivalent in soft drink*

Price

\$10
per ticket

Limited to 100 tickets - drawn when all sold
One in ten chance to win a prize

PENNANT PRACTICE and Club night

The club is now open 7 days a week from midday..

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

New bowlers - mentors

Byron Coonerty: Ph: 0452 262 227 **Chris O'Meagher:** Ph: 0409 933 527

Chris Hutchison Ph: 0402 856 548 **Ewen Wilson:** Ph: 0423 424 185

Club Coaches

Scott Mortimer Ph: 0433 599 498

Bryce Young: Ph: 0432 350 715

Arnold O'Brien: Ph: 0410 281 157

Ben Fearn: Ph: 0466 112 787

Chris O'Meagher: Ph: 0409 933 527

Our mission is to provide the club members all the assistance they need to grow as individuals and in turn grow the club skills for a successful season .

On Thursday's meals will being served between 6 and 8pm.

The raffle will be drawn at 7:00 pm

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Club Championships Update

Women's and men's club singles

CLOSING DATE is APPROACHING- The entry cost is covered in your green fees. Don't miss a good day of bowls

The first two rounds of 25 up for both competitions will be held on **Sunday 8 Oct.** Put your name up on the notice board **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 sectional play with 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.

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.

The annual Club Helensvale \$60,000 National 5 A Side Challenge is one of the biggest events on the national calendar.

The Broadbeach Bulls won the 2017 title after defeating the international NZ , star-studded club side from Eastbourne. For those that follow the top bowlers in Australia The winning Broadbeach team was; Ryan Bester, Paul Girdler, Ryan Burnett, Sean Ingham, Kevin Anderson and Barry Gilbert – Manager. Congratulations to Broadbeach Bulls.

The Melbourne team finished in the second half of the draw. The experience gained playing against the best of the best will be invaluable to them personally in their future bowling and to our Premier side having members knowing what pressure and consistency means and how it is implemented at the top level.

Well done guys, ever onwards and upwards.

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Social Bowls Competition
Starts Wednesday 1 November



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

The Wednesday night corporate bowls competition will be up and running again this season. It is intended to have two seasons. A spring season now starting on Wednesday 1 November when the weather should be better and daylight going for longer. An autumn season will start late February.

We currently have 10 teams lined up to start. We can max out at 18 teams.

The teams are competing for -- the **BUSTED NUT**.

The office will be taking all enquires and registrations for this competition.

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 1 november

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

SPREAD THE WORD to non bowling friends

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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

The first of the all weather bowls storage units have arrived and been installed.

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.

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Club hoodies, jackets, caps and bucket hats have now been ordered. We will notify everyone once we know the expected delivery dates.

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 and is Bowls Australia approved from any bowls outlet.

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

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The Melbourne Team App will be in action again this season. **Bear** is the administrator of this phone app. We are however looking for two more people to become administrators to share the load and keep the posts up to date. Any one interested in helping out the club this way, please talk to **Bear**.

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Club ATM- This was installed Thursday (21/9), it will dispense \$20 notes. Members can still utilise the cash out option at the bar in order to avoid the \$2.50 transaction fee. Non-members will have to use the ATM. Non-members will also be subject to a \$20 minimum for use of credit card over the bar. These changes should in busy periods improve bar service.

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Laminated CPR Instruction Chart Installation- This has been completed and displayed in a few prominent locations. Also bee sting instructions have been posted next to the first aid kit in the main club area

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In the last three weeks two of our gates to the carpark have been dismantled/ripped away from moorings by illegal parkers who have had their car locked in after club closing time. If you see any non-members using our carpark please ask them to leave.

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It is intended to set up a ladies locker room upstairs within the next couple of

weeks. Once this has been set up the room under the stairs with lockers in it will be designated for use by club members who have a medical condition which precludes them from climbing the stairs.

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The president will be away from 24/9 to 21/10 to attend his daughters wedding in Barcelona Spain.

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Approaching birthdays

22 Sep	Grahame	Fraser
24 Sep	Jesse	Hastie
26 Sep	Byron	Coonerty
30 Sep	Kate	Limond
2 Oct	Angelo	Cardamone
7 Oct	Kevin	Lehane
9 Oct	Glenn	Rogers
13 Oct	Gordon	Lowing
15 Oct	Leigh	Clark
20 Oct	Peter	Aldridge
21 Oct	Jill	Nixon

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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.

Membership fees must be paid to be eligible to play pennant. Special arrangements can be made with the treasurer.

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