

Hi \*IFName!\*, welcome to the 1st edition of 'One Up/One Down' the newsletter of the Melbourne Bowling Club for the 2018-19 season, keeping you up to date with what is happening around the club.

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## **Club night - Thursday night meals resuming 24 May (that is tomorrow night)**

As of tomorrow night (Thurs 24/5) each week meals will be served at 6:30pm cooked by members of the club.

Two course menu for \$15

### **Thursday night schedule**

6:00pm social carpet bowls starts  
6:30pm serving of meal  
7:00pm announcements  
7:30pm darts competition when team playing at home (every 2nd week)

Roster for the winter months so far is:

24/5	Alan Stone	5/7	Simon & Jocelyn
31/5	Ash Harvey	12/7	
7/6		19/7	Byron & Mark G
14/6	Andrew & Janine	26/7	
21/6	Darcy & Kate	2/8	
28/6		9/8	

Thank you to members who have volunteered to date. These nights change the club from just a place to bowl to a friendly community environment

**We are seeking additional volunteers to fill in the blank weeks in**

## **the roster.**

To volunteer add your name to the list on the clipboard situated at the bar.

### **What volunteering entails:**

- You choose the menu, made up of two courses of either soup/entrée & main or main & desert
- You will be catering for approximately 15 meals
- food budget of \$150+/-.
- All existing condiments and foods within in the kitchen can be used.
- need to organise an assistant to help you on the night
- Alan is happy to assist in establishing what is already available and to arrange to source what would be required for your offering.
- to be served at 6:30pm
- Alan happy to walk you through how to use the new kitchen

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## **Thursday night meals - A tradition to continue**

Thursday night meals began in the Club as soon as they had somewhere to prepare and eat them. We know that they go back to the 1870s (All good club's had members meals strangely enough usually on a Thursday and they were not just sporting clubs).

The reason for the meal, so that members could meet and form new relationships or cement old ones by sharing a meal together.

At Melbourne the meals were cooked by members taking it in turn, they were traditionally roasts preceded by soups in winter or followed by sweets in summer (the dreaded canned fruit salad and cream never far away).

Remembering that the membership was totally male, this format left less room for error and also appealed to the male bonding bit of 'get down here and support your mates'. If you couldn't cook you could help serve it up, clear the tables, God Forbid, do the washing-up .The menu became slightly more adventurous and then Vive la Difference. THE ladies joined initially nothing much hanged. It appears to have been a bit like the B-B-Q thing males to the fore although ladies were welcome to help with the washing up.

But eventually reality caught up with Melbourne Bowling Club (or was it just the ladies influence) chicken cacciatore, delicious lasagne, homemade pasta & pizzas and many other exciting dishes hit the menu.

The basic ethos remained the same and in some ways with ladies present

became more realistic.

It was a “family meal” everyone at the table at the same time, the President (Dad) able to announce who’d done good and without mentioning the recalcitrants and what had not gone quite so well.

So with history in mind we would encourage all members to think of their club as an extension of the family, support your brothers and sisters in arms, keep up with the gossip or start some yourself (you can get club news by email). If you can’t cook there is always something you can do or like at home sit and watch somebody else do it and have a drink at further reduced prices .

So let's take up the knives and forks and help restore the camaraderie and club spirit, eat a hearty winter meal and roll the result into summer.

As an added attraction (distraction) the Club now has resurrected the darts team which plays at home every other Thursday and the snooker and pool tables that lay patiently idle wait to entertain. We have also found the indoor bowls mats that have laid waiting in an upstairs back corner for 25 years and amazingly not moth ridden, to roll out. BONUS with the air conditioning unit now in the snooker room it is now warm down there to have a friendly game.

Take your turn in our brand new kitchen and help us bake, boil and bubble away the cold air of the city winter before the spring. Whether you're sharing a family favourite or cutting a new culinary edge you may rest assured that all our little demons are ready to share a special evening with you.

**All for food and food for all.**

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## **AGM elects Peter Curwen-Walker as Life Member**

Citation presented for the appointment to life member of Peter Curwen-Walker covering his 30+ years of continuous service to the MBC.

Peter joined the Club on 14 October 1986

Since that date he has very ably represented the membership in the capacities of

- General Committee Member 1987/88, 1988/89, 1989/90 and 1990/91
- Vice President 1991/92
- General Committee 1993/94
- Vice President 1994/95
- President 1995/96, 1996/97
- Secretary 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/2000
- President 2000/01, 2001/02, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2004/05

- General Committee 2005/06
- Secretary 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11
- General Committee 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 & 2014/15
- Board of Management 2015/16, 2016/17
- Treasurer 2017/18

To this highly commendable list the board would add that Peter has acted as a Club Delegate to the Royal Victorian Bowls Association and now Bowls Victoria continuously since 1994 (more than 20 years) an outstanding achievement and a credit to his patience that he could endure that for so long.

He is/ has been Tournaments Director and co-ordinator over a number of years

Peter is a qualified umpire and officiated in both Pennant games and tournaments.

He has been actively involved in Club activities providing Thursday night meals when teams of members used to cook. He holds a Safe Food Handling Certificate which he puts to good use around the Club.

He holds a Responsible Serving of Alcohol Certificate and regularly volunteered to “man” the bar when volunteers were required.

To the board's knowledge Peter has never missed a working-bee at the Club.

He has always been available to, where qualified, supply medical advice and in some instances, where appropriate, treatments.

He has acted as a counsellor and mentor to members in special circumstances. It is to be noted that he very rarely offers unsolicited advice, but people are unwise to not heed this if offered.

Peter has been a splendid representative of this Club, which he cherishes and the board believe that it is timely that he once again be offered Life Membership which we know has happened before and been declined by the self deprecating Peter Curwen- Walker.

Members present at the AGM unanimously voted to award Peter Life Membership.

On accepting the honour Peter described his absolute passion for the club and the need for members to contribute to ensure the club membership expands and maintain its place as the pre-eminent club within the bowls scene.

**Congratulations Peter on truly deserving honour.**

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## **Club positions for 2018-19**

President: **Ewen Wilson**  
Secretary: **Sean Ingram**  
Treasurer: **Peter Curwen-Walker**  
Board members: **Rick Lawler**  
**Kini Meadows**  
**Chris O'Meagher**  
**Graeme Pearson**

Match committee: **Greg Hogan**  
**Chris Hutchison**  
**Sean Ingam**  
**Gordon Lowing**  
**Bryce Young**

The club will enter 4 sides in the Saturday pennant competition with the possibility of adding a 5th side depending on results of recruiting. The club will also re-introduce Tuesday night pennant side over the summer. This side will be co-ordinated by **Byron Coonerty**.

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## **Registrations are now due!**

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

Online payment is the club's preferred method. The traditional paper based method through the office is still available for those who would prefer not to pay via online.

**New members still need to fill out the membership application form and lodge it with the office. New full bowling members have their membership fee waived for their first year.**

Membership fees are

Full member	\$100
Full time student member	\$50
Junior member	\$20
Provisional member	\$80

Social member	\$50
Special member	\$10

Full members intending to bowl can, at time of paying their subscription (or prior to the beginning of the season) pay a lump sum of \$100 to cover green fees for the season. This also includes entry fees to any club championship event entered. The alternative is to pay weekly green fee of \$7.00 during the season and pay for entering club championship events.

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## ***Around the club***

### **Saturday winter bowls -- IS NOW ON**

Arrive by 12:45 at the latest to enable teams to be finalised by the 1pm start. Play finishes by 4pm at the latest. Entry is \$5 per person with the best wining rink getting a bottle of wine each.

**Kitchen upgrade** -- Kitchen upgrade has finished and the kitchen is now open for business

### **Demon's Den -- upgrade to be continued**

As the retractable screen and overhead projector that was replaced in the main club room sometime ago is still in excellent working order they will be installed in the Demon's Den. Other improvements being investigated will be the wall mounting the TV, re-carpeting as well as having maintenance undertaken on the refrigeration unit in the bar area.

### **Xmas in July**

After last year's great success of Xmas in July and trivia night the club will again organise the event. More details coming shortly.

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### **Marker, Measurer or Umpire accreditation**

For those wishing to be accredited as a measurer or umpire a BV application form needs to be filled out and then signed off by the club secretary.

Click here for the [application form](#) or speak to Ewen and he will give you one.

Once filled in it needs to be signed by the club secretary (Sean Ingram) and then sent to Bowls Victoria.

**The club is keen to encourage members to become qualified measurers or umpires and will cover the cost of undertaking the courses.**

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### **Approaching birthdays**

**Date            Member**



27 May Arnold O'Brien  
27 May David Crisp  
29 May Max Walters  
31 May William Beasley  
3 June Scott Senior  
11 June Ivan Jackson

17 June Gerry Callaghan  
18 June Karen McDermott  
23 June Anton Schwartz  
30 June Bernie McNeill  
30 June Doug Wood



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