

Hi *IFName!*, welcome to the 11th 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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Breaking News

We are very pleased to announce that current Jackaroo **Barrie Lester** is back at our great club wearing the mighty red and blue again.

In his bowling career Barrie has amassed 380 games for Victoria, played in 2 Commonwealth Games and has a long list of achievements as long as Chapel Street including multiple state titles.

We're excited to see Barrie work his magic on the greens and also around the club. He will be working driving the club's Public Relations and Marketing strategy and we look forward to him help thrust the Melbourne Bowling Club forward to even a brighter future.

Welcome aboard Baz. Go Dee's



Working Bee is a Wrap

Last Saturday and Sunday a group of intrepid members fronted for the annual working bee. It was a reasonable turn out although they were mostly the regulars with a distinct age weighting to our older members. **Saturday** looked as if it would be a disaster with heavy rain till about 8:30am. The 25cub Metre skip arrived just after 9am for the heavy work then to begin. **Bill, Max, Jack, Peter C-W, Arnold O'B** (who worked wheelbarrowing the rubbish -- where were the younger members), **Keith** and **Eric H** represented the senior members and put in significant hard yards. There was quite a

bit of heavy lifting to do to build the bbq tables each weighing 200kg and removing the rubbish from the back area. The **best On Day [BOD]** award was a tie between **Chris Hutchison** and **Mark Grous** who both worked tirelessly right through to 5pm. **Chris** drove the front end for a good 6.5 hours and **Grousy** worked the boys building the BBQ benches in the morning and then took over shovelling rubbish in the afternoon.

They managed two working bees in one day. A great effort for the club. If a few more members showed up maybe they would have been able to knock off at 1pm. The rubbish pile would have been completely eliminated but for the late rain. Along the way we managed to bog the front end loader only once before the rain finally stopped play.

Melanie, Eric and **Jack** successfully attacked the cleaning of the trophy cabinet.

Cleaning up by **Rocky** out the front and gardening by **Jacko** and **Janine** prior to rubbish removal duties relieving **Arnold**, added to the work **Cutter** had spent Friday afternoon planting up the garden along the fence line next to the Campbell. **Peter** demolished the Graffiti in the toilets while **Max** got busy on the windows. **Keith** with his usual steady hand spent the morning restoring the numbers on the scoreboards..

Simon C although a little late made up for it by shifting rubbish through to stumps at 5pm. **Kevin O** came along and cleaned up the back yard/storage area. He has made this job his own and now does it at least twice a year. Heavy lifting and construction of the BBQ tables was taken care of by **Lucas, Whitey, Chris '2 Dogs'** with **Grousy** the brains behind the team.

It was great to see a number of members stayed on to get the job done ignoring the scheduled finish time. The more people that get involved the easier it is for everyone.

Sunday was a much better day weather wise and many smaller jobs were knocked off the list. **Kevin L** cleaned the filters of the air-conditioners and then with Irwin finished bracing the 7 bbq tables along with other general cleaning tasks. Sue took to the windows of the Demon's Den which seems to be her annual task now. A few less turned up but life member **Peter C-W** turned up again and put on his painting overalls and painted the steps and other sundry painting jobs around the club. **Barney** and **Gordon** fronted as always. **Barney** braced suspect fence posts and mowed the nature strip before working with **Gordon** in moving a couple of the fence signs down to the Campbell green. **Gordon** also had the same task as lat year removing advertising signs from the windows of long missing sponsors. He seemed to think that next year someone else should do this delightful nail breaking task.

Much was done over the two days by those that attended with the super large skip completely full, but as they say many hands make light work. A few more hands would have been good. Thanks to the Pres. for managing the two days. Until the next working bee take it easy!



Chris [=BOD] starting the 6.5 hour shift

2 Dogs, Lucas Grousy [=BOD] & Whitey at work on the tables

Pick My Project - State Government initiative

\$30million to be allocated to projects across the state to initiatives nominated by individuals and voted on by the general public.

MBC has two projects in the mix.

Across the state in excess of 2300 projects have been nominated

To be successful projects need to be voted on by the local community. The local community is defined as anyone who lives within 5km of the project.

Spread the word and as well as voting yourself spread the word to those within the 5km zone.

Marshall the numbers to vote for the below two projects

the link to vote is below the two projects outline

- **Artist's Lane Extension down Bowling Green Street!**

Bringing more community street art to the people of Windsor

The project is to extend the concept of the current Artist's Lane through to the railway line at Windsor Station to create a consistent experience through the area for the current residents and visitors. As a destination for street art the extension down through the perimeter of the Bowls Club will allow a greater experience for visitors and also local artists to have a chance to work on a beautiful project and show how excellent local street art can be. We have the support of Chapel St Precinct to help the project be amazing!

Windsor is now a designated art scene. The emergence of Bromley and Co. and other local artists has made Windsor the place for art and community. The local food and art made Windsor the place to be in the South East of Melbourne and the vibrant area of Chapel St. Melbourne Bowling Club and Bowling Green Street are an extension of Artist's Lane which is already well regarded for its arts/culture. As an on-going improvement for the area, paired with the oldest Bowling Club in Australia is a pairing second to none.

- **Weekly community bowling day all year**

Free bowling for community one day each week

Melbourne Bowling Club will open up the club to members of the community to bowl (barefoot/social) at no cost one day a week throughout the year from midday until 7pm. During the summer months the closing time will be extended to 9pm. The nominated day is Wednesday. The club will have paid staff on hand as well as club members to assist in instructions. Bowls will be provided. BBQ facilities will be available for use by the individuals attending. To achieve this we require to convert two small greens from grass based to an all weather surface.

As the Windsor area population is increasing as a result of the increased development of units either side of Chapel Street, open recreational space is at a premium. This initiative opens up an area for community access and enjoyment on a weekly basis. It provides an alternative venue to the local community rather than the local clubs and bars on Chapel Street with an emphasis on outdoor entertainment. It provides a structured but casual form of exercise open to all ages and ranges of ability and mobility.

To vote you need to register online and list your street. A 5km map is then drawn around your address and projects you are eligible to vote on are listed for you. You can vote on up to three projects.

The benefits to the club is the upgrading of the practice greens to all weather status and encouraging locals to come on in and the fence line along Bowling Green Street becoming a feature and wind break for the club as well as promoting the community of Windsor.

Southern Indoor Bowls - Big win overall

This week the MBC team was filled with a mixture of excitement and maybe a little awe as we had been told **Bear** would be joining us for this week's game. It would have been amazing to share the rink with this amazing individual we all love but alas his challenges kept him from joining us. So a last minute replacement in young **Angus Murphy** from Elwood (nee Elsternwick Park) was rushed in, using **Titters** two spare bowls, to join the rink as lead to **Titters** with **Milan** at three and **Simon** as second.

Over on **Hollywood's** rink it was experience galore with **Matty Green** as third, **Byron** in two and **Al B** as lead. Despite that experience, the opposition, Elsternwick Club, took it up to this rink and played them hard. Some frustration was being heard from MBC as the opposition lead and second kept putting excellent bowls in the head, despite great bowls from **Al** and **Byron**, making it a hard job for third and skip to contain the rampaging opposition. This saw their opponents build a slow but commanding lead as end after end progressed.

Over on **Titters** rink it was a different story where the front end was loading the head for the Demon's. **Young Angus** was inspired with the chance to play with a Premier player and set about doing all he could to impress with good lead bowls. This allowed **Milan** and **Titters** to add to the count on many ends. After four ends with the score 5 to 2 in MBC's favour the game was split wide open. Four bowls in the head and then two more from **Milan** saw the rink register a seven to take an early 12 to 2 commanding lead.

Over on the other rink the boys never gave in and fought hard which saw them claw back and back. With **Titters** rink relieving big board pressure they stoically worked themselves back into the game, never giving up to in the end get back 4 shots down to end up only losing 15 to 19 on 17 ends.

Titters rink though had the proverbial day out and continued to add to their score. They only lost four ends, all of them singles, while MBC registered multiple big scores to end up winning a commanding **38 to 4** on 17 ends. Perhaps the best compliment of the win

though was the good nature and manner in which their opponents took their loss, which says much and more about them in the very best way, but also is a compliment to the way the MBC players carried themselves on a night when they played really well but did so with grace.

One final week to go and the season is over. It has been a great return to SIBC for Melbourne BC and we have already indicated we will be back next year...and this time it will be with a burning desire from first bowl to be at the very thick of it come the final game of the season!!

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2018 Australian Indoor Championships

Title Begins on Monday 20 August at the Tweed Heads Bowls Club. Our very own **Matty Ellul** will be playing and is listed to be broadcast via Rinkside Live on the Bowls Australia Facebook page on the opening day's play at 12 noon playing Clive Adams from WA. Tune in and watch. The format is a straight knockout consisting of four bowl singles of two sets of nine ends, with a three-end tie-breaker if required.

GO Matty. Best of luck and good bowling.

Notify your practice match availability NOW!!

Availability sheets have now been posted on the club notice board for the practice games through September.

Make the selectors job easier put your name on the weekly lists.

Make yourself **VISIBLE** to the selector show up to the practice games.

The **third** and **fourth sides** will be playing their **home games** down at **Elwood** (previously known as **Elsternwick Park**) for this season. The Watson will be replaced from early December with a tiffdwarf surface. Up to then the Watson will be used for social bowls on Saturdays to cover for some of the revenue the club will lose once the Watson is out of action.

Practice game schedule

Sept 1st - Opening Day Games will involve teams comprising players from various sides.

Sept - 3rd - 6th Helensvale 5 a side (Ellul, Fordham, Young, Hanley-McKinnon)

Sept 8th - St Kilda at Melbourne (all sides)

Sept 15th - Queenecliff at Queenscliff . Scratch match at Melbourne for those not wishing to travel

Sept 22nd - Moonee Valley at Melbourne (premier only?) Possible game at Elsternwick Park against Elsternwick Park

Sept 29th - AFL Final

Sept 30th - Sunday social game at Melbourne

Note (i)- Queenscliff is **open to anyone** who wants to come down and stay the night. All costs are at player's expense. Accomodation available on Friday and Saturday night. All details shortly.

Thursday night - Don't miss a great night out

Last Thursday **Quentin** volunteered to cook up a storm prior to heading off to darts at the Social just around the corner in Chapel St. Irwin did the honours as the dish pig. Quentin served up a a delightful meal of Coq au Vin with mash, green beans in garlic & butter followed up with cream brûlée. Thankyou **Quentin** for keeping up the tradition of yet another excellent meal. This week This week **Gunter** and **Laura** have put their combined hands up for another turn.

meal will be served this week from 6:30PM

Carpet bowls will be on the agenda again along with **Jacko's** raffle.

There is now only one night left for volunteering on the 23/8. Let's not fall at the last hurdle, and have someone close out the winter series.

Carpet bowls championship - Thursday 23 August

Be in it to win it.

\$2 entry to be paid on the night.

6 PM start

winner 50% of prize pool

runner up 30% of prize pool

third 20% of prize pool

Around the club

New Sponsor -

We have a new real estate sponsor Domain & Co. Signage will be appearing around the club shortly. More details to follow.

Upcoming events

Put the following dates in your Diary

1. Official opening of the Greens Sat 1 Sept 1pm

2. AFL grand final day at the club - Sat 29 Sept

Watch the grand final on the big screen at the club on 29 Sept

3. Calling of the sides & New Pennant members night Thurs 4 Oct

4. Garage Trail & Try Bowls Day - Sun 21 Oct

This is an annual event held throughout the Australia in October, this event actually runs the same weekend as the Try Bowl Day. We have entered the Garage Trail as

an individual and so will be holding a Garage sale with our Try bowls day
The garage sale allows the club and our members to let go of anything they no longer need by selling it on the day and making a few \$\$ for the club. Details on the delivery of items by members will be published closer to the day. Any questions please speak to **Kini**.

5. 70's Night - Mon 5 Nov

70's night to be run on the eve of Melbourne cup. The night will be a stand up not a sit down event. Traditional 70s inspired canapés will be served. Either a DJ or a band will be playing appropriate 70s tunes. Everyone is encouraged to dress up for the evening. More details closer to the date.

Umpires and measurers required

The club is still looking for members to take on the umpires role for the club. Spread the load become an umpire or measurer. Contact club secretary **Byron** or **Ewen** for the registration form. The club pays the expenses for doing the course.

Vic Open 16 -23 November

Entries for the Victorian open are now open. It is being held in the Greater Shepparton Region. Over \$50,000 in prize money.

[Register Here](#)

For general website information click here www.vicopen.com.au

Still to renew your membership Click here!

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

Membership privileges such as the earning of loyalty points and members prices have now ceased for those who have yet to renew their membership.

New members need to lodge their form directly with the office.

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 events entered. The alternative is to pay weekly green fee of \$7.00 during the season and pay for entering club championship events.

Approaching birthdays

| Date | Member |
|--------|----------------|
| 15 Aug | Nicholas Szabo |
| 16 Aug | Matt Green |
| 17 Aug | Sara Rodger |
| 19 Aug | Justine Stokes |
| 22 Aug | Alan Stone |

| Date | Member |
|--------|---------------|
| 26 Aug | Dale Wood |
| 27 Aug | Glenn Gidman |
| 28 Aug | Raphel Graham |
| 2 Sep | Dean Thomas |
| 6 Sep | Gary Brown |



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